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HEAVY ACTION IS REPORTED FROM ALL EUROPEAN BATTLE THEATRES BUT NO PROGRESS

Allies' Offensive in Belgium and France is Being Pressed and Slight Advancement is Reported—British and French Experts Think Steady Advance is Disturbing the German Leaders—All Quiet in the North.

ADVANTAGES ABOUT EVEN IN THE FAR EAST BOTH ARMIES ADVANCING AND RETREATING

Russians Hold in Check Austro-German Advance in Galicia and East Prussia, While the Germons Continue Successful South of the River Exura—Russians Claim to Have Severely Defeated Turks in Van.

London, December 22.—Heavy fighting is taking place on both eastern and western fronts, but without producing any material change in the positions of the opposing armies.

In France and Belgium the Allies' offensive is being pressed, and while some ground has been gained at widely separated points, other attacks have been repulsed by the Germans from their strongly entrenched positions. In the northern area it is quiet, but from the Oise to the Meuse fierce fighting took place in many districts.

While the progress of the Allies is extremely slow, military experts here and in France believe the gains which the general staff has reported are disturbing the Germans' system of fortifications at vital points, and will, if successfully continued, compel a retirement by the Germans from their present lines.

In the East most of the Germans north of the Vistula have retired from the East Prussian frontier before the onrush of the Russian forces, but south of that river, between the Bzura and the Pilica, the Germans continue their advance and announce tonight that in a fierce battle they have crossed branches of Bzura and Rawka rivers at many places. This should bring the main armies close together and a few days will tell whether the German advance is to be definitely checked or whether the Germans again are to threaten Warsaw.

Fighting also continues in Galicia, but here, as along the East Prussian frontier, the Russians seem to have held back the Austro-German forces. The Germans, who are extremely strong along the whole eastern frontier, already are reported to be moving troops back to the West to meet the Allies' offensive, but it is not considered likely this movement will reach large proportions until some decisive result has been attained in the contest against the Russians.

The Turks, like their allies, are being attacked on two sides. The Russians claim to have inflicted a severe defeat on them in the District of Van, while the Allied fleets have been bombarding Kilid Bahr in the Dardanelles, and a French destroyer has shelled their troops on the mainland, opposite the island of Tenedos.

The first real view of the extent of the South African rebellion is given by the minister of justice, who says that 40000 rebels are in prison and that 1,200 have been sent to their homes on parole. There are still a few roaming about the country, but they are without leaders, and are surrendering upon the appearance of union soldiers.

FROM THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Statement From the Russian Commander-in-Chief is Given Out.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—The following statement from the general staff of the Russian commander-in-chief, was issued tonight:

"On December 21, on the left bank of the Vistula river between its lower course and the Pilica river, a number of fierce encounters took place. Among these the fighting on the left bank of the Pilica developed particularly.

"In general we repulsed all these attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

"We evacuated only some small position and fell back toward the East in order to occupy more advantageous positions.

"Our counter attacks resulted in the throwing into the river the German troops who had crossed the Bbura near Sochaczew. These troops suffered heavy losses in killed. Also we captured nine kultck firing guns.

The situation between the Pilicia river and the upper Vistula river is without important change, except in the region of Skrzynno, where the Austrians after having crossed the Nida river, were pushed back upon that stream by the bayonet attacks of our troops. Eighteen of their officers and about 1,000 soldiers surrendered.

It has been established that in the region of Przedbors on the 19th instant we took 17 officers and about 1,000 men.

"In Galicia our operations on the 21st instant continued to develop successfully.

"Near Gyglice, an Austrian division made a sudden attack upon our troops but eventually was thrown back in disorder leaving behind 1,500 dead.

"Another Austrian division which attacked us with the bayonet at Godlowo also fled, leaving on the battlefield the bodies of 500 of their men. In this same region the Austrians under pressure of our offensive lost many prisoners, three guns and some nitrailleuses.

"The sorties attempted by the garrison of Przemysl all were repulsed. The Austrians were thrown back toward their fortifications and suffered heavy losses."

GERMAN COMMUNICATION.

British Attempt to Retake Lost Positions and Partially Succeed.

Berlin, (by Wireless to London) Dec. 22.—The German official report given out this afternoon reads as follows:

"At Nieuport and in the region around Ypres the situation yesterday was generally quiet.

"In order to re-capture the positions lost by them December 20th at St. Hubert and Givenchy, the English forces, reinforced by French territorials, made desperate attacks during the day of yesterday and last night, all of which, however, were repulsed. In the region around Richebourg, the enemy succeeded in obtaining a firm foothold in his old positions.

"French attacks yesterday in the neighborhood of Albert at Souain and at Perthes were repulsed with heavy losses to the French.

"In the western part of the Argonne district, we captured a few trenches. In the Eastern Argonne, to the north and northwest of Verdun, French attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the French.

"The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged. In Poland our troops engaged in a fierce battle for possession of branches of the Bzura and Rawka rivers. In many instances they crossed over tributaries already in their possession.

"On the right bank of the Pilica the fighting by the Germanic allies continues.

"Unfortunately it was discovered yesterday after the publication of the army communication the following appendix:

"This order must be made known to all our troops this evening; its publication in the press be prevented'."

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

Same Slow But Certain Advance is Being Made by Allies in Belgium.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows:

"Between the sea and the Lys, during the day of December 21, there was nothing other than artillery engagements. Between the Lys and the Aisne we repulsed a German column which was endeavoring to come out from Ger-

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FRUSTRATE PLOT TO BLOW UP SHIP

WASHINGTON Library of Congress

New Orleans Police Make Four Arrests—Germans.

FRENCH LINER SPOTTED

Bomb, Set by Clock Work to Explode Two and One-Half Days From Last Night, Was to Be Shipped to Steamer.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—The arrest tonight of four men who, according to the police, admitted that they were Germans, is believed by local officials and operatives of a national detective agency to have frustrated a plot to blow up the French steamship Rochambeau, which is due to leave New York next Saturday. The police have in their possession a box containing 75 pounds of dynamite connected with a mechanical device arranged to explode the charge six and one-half days from tonight. The plan, according to the police, was to ship the bomb by express consigned to the Rochambeau at New York. It was intended that the vessel would be blown up after she got to sea.

One of those arrested, Peter Langlaan, the police say, told them that while he was willing to blow up a French or English ship, he was not willing to see innocent persons die.

Other Arrests Made.

After Langlaan had told of his part in the affair, the police arrested Frank Helon, alias Han Hellar and held him on a charge of preparing explosives to ship, in violation of regulations covering the shipment of such commodities. George Summers and George Brinkham were held as accessories and Langlaan was allowed his freedom.

Hellar admitted the police say that he knew Hellar was working upon some plan of explosives, but denied knowledge of the plot to blow up the Rochambeau.

After being confronted with his alleged conspirators, the police say Hellar admitted that it was his intention to blow up some French or British ship, and that if he failed with the attempt against the Rochambeau he expected to try some other vessel. He said he was a waiter on a South and wanted to "do something to help the fatherland."

Detectives who worked on the case said tonight that Hellar told them that he got the idea of a clock arrangement from reading of the operations of the McNamara brothers.

GODWIN IN HOSPITAL AND COULDN'T VOTE

Pou and Small Only Tar Heels Who Voted "No."

Congressman Webb Leads Fight for Prohibitionists—Pou Speaks Against Hobson Resolution in the House.

(Special Star Telegarm.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Representatives Pou and Small, of North Carolina, were the only two members of the State delegation who voted against the Hobson amendment which would prevent the sale of liquor throughout the United States. The others, with the exception of Representative Godwin, who is ill in a Washington hospital, voted with the prohibitionists.

Representative Pou presented a strong argument in favor of his position and was given an ovation when he took his seat. Mr. Pou contended that the ratification of the amendment would not prevent the wholesale consumption of intoxicating drinks.

"All of my life," he said, "I have stood for temperance. I voted for prohibition in my own State. I not only supported the Webb law, but I had the honor to present the resolution from the committee on rules providing for consideration of that measure. I voted for prohibition when it was not popular to do so in the county in which I live. In my heart, I feel that I want to do what I can to promote the cause of temperance. Never in my life have I knowingly voted for an immoral proposition.

"Under this proposed amendment any man who can raise a few dollars to pay for whiskey still can manufacture all the whiskey or brandy he cares to make. The blockade still is the curse of any rural community. If you allow the man who is willing to violate the law to make all the whiskey he wishes, he will take the chances about selling it. This amendment does not prevent the manufacture of intoxicating liquor, it only prevents the manufacture when it is made for sale."

Representative Webb, who has always stood for prohibition measures, had charge of the prohibition side of the question today. He made a 25-minutes speech in support of the amendment.

P. R. A.

Newport, News, Va., Dec. 22.—The British steamer Mechanician steamed from this port today for Liverpool, carrying about 1,000 horses destined ultimately for use by the Allied armies in the war zones of Europe.

ATTEMPT ROBBERY RICHMOND BANKS

Out of Two Trials, One Proves Successful.

IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

Two Thousand in Bills Taken and Get-Away Made Without Detection. Plan to Get Ten Thousand Blocked—Men Escape.

Richmond, Va., December 22.—Bank robbers this afternoon stole $2,000 through the receiving teller's window of the Central National Bank and succeeded in making their escape before the loss was discovered.

A number of persons were in the bank at the time, and a pre-arranged telephone call to the receiving teller was used to draw him from his booth, while the packages of money were drawn through the window.

Another attempt at bank robbery was made during the morning at the First National bank, when four men were detected in an effort to force the wicket of the shipping clerk's window, behind which $10,000 in bills of large denominations were lying.

A clerk discovered them, but they calmly walked from the building before they could be apprehended.

SOUTH GIVEN CLOUDY WEATHER FOR HER CHRISTMAS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Snappy temperatures and clear skies will prevail Christmas day throughout the United States with the probable exception of the Gulf States, according to the weather bureau predictions tonight.

The bureau's chart map showed fine weather everywhere except in the Gulf States which had been darkened to indicate approaching clouds. The forecasters said nothing extreme in temperatures was expected. The mercury might run below the seasonal averages a few degrees, in some sections they said, but nowhere was it likely to be unusually cold.

Everywhere North of the Ohio river line from the New England States to the Rocky Mountains sufficient snow has already fallen to last over Christmas.

SECOND DECISION MADE AS TO TILLMAN CHILDREN

Mrs. Tillman is Again Awarded Custody of Her Two Daughters.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 22.—The State Supreme court today reaffirmed its order entered two years ago by which Mrs. Lucy Dugas Tillman was awarded custody of her two children, Sarah Starks Tillman and Douschka Pickens Tillman. The court directed that B. R. Tillman, Jr., father of the children, should have possession of them during certain periods of 1915. Today's decision resulted from a hearing on an order which required Mrs. Tillman to show cause why custody of her daughters should not be awarded to another person. The proceeding was due to alleged refusal of the children to obey a court order that they spend the months of July and August, 1914, with United States Senator B. R. Tillman, their grandfather.

JEWELLER KILLED BY ASHEVILLE MERCHANT

Coroner Orders E. M. Jarrett Held Without Bail.

Surrenders After Shooting to Death Wm. B. Grant, 72 Years Old, but Claims Killing Was Justifiable.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 22.—William B. Grant, aged 72, local jeweller, was shot and killed this morning at the store of Blueridge Mercantile Company by E. M. Jarrett, an Asheville merchant, who is being held without bond. The latter surrendered to an officer immediately after the shooting and was named by the coroner's jury as being responsible for the death of deceased.

He states that he was justifiable, although he will make no other statement, being advised by his attorneys to give nothing to the public at this time.

The killing is said to have followed a heated argument between the two men which is said to have arisen over a note received by the deceased containing vile threats. The note is reported to be unsigned. The men are said to have had disagreements during the past few weeks and it is believed that these were largely responsible for today's tragedy.

A search of deceased revealed the fact that there was an open knife in his pocket although some of the witnesses have testified that he opened it after he was shot and was falling. Both men are married.

TWO MEN CONFESS KILLING OF LAWYER

Retired Attorney Killed in His Los Angeles Home.

GIRLS PUT UP FIGHT

Daughters of Dead Man and a Son Engaged Burglars—Former With Silver Mounted Hairbrushes, Did Much Damage.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—Glenn Witt and Ethelbert C. Oxman were arrested late today in connection with the killing of William M. Alexander, a wealthy retired lawyer, by burglars in his home here this morning. Witt is said to have confessed.

Witt showed a number of bruises, which the police thought were from blows administered by Miss Penelope Alexander, who grappled with the robber after her brother William had been shot. Oxman had a bullet wound in his leg.

Oxman also confessed, the police declared, saying it was he who had shot and killed Alexander.

The two men, taken to the Alexander residence, were identified by Mrs. Alexander. Afterwards it required two hours work at a hospital for their wounds to be bandaged. The two girls, Penelope and Anna Alexander, had battered the robbers with silver backed hair brushes.

Fought Like Wild Cats.

"Those two girls fought like wild cats," said Witt.

Witt said, according to police that he shot William Alexander, Jr., when the son rushed to aid his father. Penelope and Anna, the young man's sisters, ran down during the fight and made such a brave showing that the men fled from the house, leaving their hats, shoes and socks on the lawn outside.

"When the old man was awakened by a noise I made, he fired at me. I returned the fire," was Oxman's statement as reported by the police.

Young Alexander was shot in the chest, but is not dangerously wounded.

Mrs. Alexander said she was entering the room where her husband was killed and had taken off her rings to give them to the burglars when the fatal shot was fired. Her husband died in her arms.

Witt said he came from Duquoin, Ill. Oxman said his father had been a minister in San Francisco and later was pastor of a church at Sandiego, where he died a year ago.

FORMER SENATOR WEST IS FOUND DEAD IN BED

Prominent Georgia Politician Succumbs.

Heart Failure is Given as the Cause of His Death—Was Well Known and a Leader in Georgia State Democracy.

Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 22.—William Stanley West, former United States senator from Georgia, was found dead in bed at his home here early today. He retired last night apparently in good health and died some time during the night.

Physicians stated that death apparently was due to apoplexy.

Mr. West was appointed by Governor Slaton to the United States Senate March 2nd, 1914, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator A. O. Bacon. His term expired last November when Thomas W. Hardwick, then a congressman, was elected to the Senate. Mr. West was born in Marion county, Georgia, August 23, 1849, and was graduated from Mercer University at Macon in 1880.

The former senator had been prominent in Georgia politics for many years. He served several terms in the legislature. He was a delegate at large to the Democratic national convention in Denver in 1908. His wife and 14-year-old son, William S. West, Jr., survive him.

Funeral services for Mr. West will take place at his home here tomorrow afternoon. Burial also will be here. Dr. Allen Wilson, of the First Christian church, will conduct the services. Governor Slaton, of Georgia, is included in the list of pall-bearers.

The former senator had a slight attack of indigestion yesterday but was improved late in the day. Physicians attribute his sudden death to heart failure.

COAL RATES SUSPENDED

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds Up Proposed Increase in Rates.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Increase in freight rates on coal and coke, in carloads, from mines in Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and Illinois, to Memphis, New Orleans and destinations in other States were suspended by the Interstate Commerce Commission today until April 30. The increases average 15 cents a ton on coal and from 10c to 50c a ton on coke.

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PROHIBITION RESOLUTION DEFEATED IN LOWER HOUSE AFTER LENGTHY STRUGGLE

Hobson Measure, Which Would Have Submitted Prohibition to State Legislatures, Gets Majority of Votes Cast, But Not the Required Two-Thirds—Debate on Resolution Lasts Over Ten Hours, With Vote Just Before 12 o'Clock Last Night.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Hobson resolution to submit a constitutional amendment for national prohibition to the state legislatures was defeated in the House tonight, 197 members voting for and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

Immediately after announcement of the vote the House adjourned, the crowd that had packed the galleries throughout the prolonged debate dispersing with mingling expressions of regret and jubilation. Prohibition leaders declared the vote of 197 for the resolution had come up to their expectations, as they had not expected a two-thirds majority.

Whether a similar resolution submitted by Senator Sheppard, of Texas, would reach a vote in the Senate at this session was not certain tonight. Administration leaders were inclined to believe it would not, because it could not pass the House.

Notwithstanding repeated public assertions that many members of the House would try to dodge a record vote, the roll call disclosed a heavy attendance, larger than the average throughout the session. To have carried the House the Hobson resolution would have required 258 affirmative votes. It thus failed to carry by 61 votes.

Party lines were wiped out in the struggle. Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann fought shoulder to shoulder at the head of the forces opposing the resolution. And when the vote came, of the 197 standing for the resolution, 114 were Democrats, 68 Republicans, 11 were progressives, and 4 were Progressive Republicans.

The Vote as Cast.

For the Hobson resolution—Democrats: Abercrombie, Adamson, Aiken, Alexander, Baker, Barkley, Bell, of Georgia; Borchers, Borland, Brodbeck, Burnett, Byrnes, of South Carolina; Byrnes, of Tennessee; Chandler, of Mississippi; Carraway, Carr, Carter, Clark, of Florida; Collier, Connolly, of Kansas; Crisp, Decker, Dietrick, Dershem, Dickinson, Diffenderfer, Doolittle, Evans, Faison, Ferguson, Ferris, Fields, Finley, Flood, Floyd, Foster, Fowler, Francis, Garrett, of Texas; Glass, Godwin, Gudger, Hamlin, Harrison, Hay, Hayden, Helm, Helvering, Hensley, Hobson, Holland, Houston, Howard, Hoxworth, Hughes, of Georgia; Hull, Humphreys, of Mississippi; Jacowy, Johnson, of Kentucky; Johnson of South Carolina; Jones, Keating, Kindell, Kirkpatrick, Kitchin, Lever, Lewis, of Maryland; Floyd, McKellar, Moon, Murray, Neely, of West Virginia; O'Hair, Oldfield, Padgett, Page, of North Carolina; Park, Post, Quinn, Ragsdale, Rainey, Raker, Rubey, Rucker, Russell, Saunders, Seldomridge, Shackleford, Simms, Sisson, Smith of Maryland; Smith, of Texas; Sparkman, Stedman, Stephens, of Mississippi; Stephens, of Texas; Stout, Taggart, Tavenner, Taylor, of Alabama; Taylor, of Arkansas; Taylor, of Colorado; Thomas, Thompson, of Oklahoma; Tribble, Walker, Watkins, Watson, Weaver, Webb, Whaley, White, Wingo and Young, of Texas—Total 114.

Republicans for Measure.

Republicans:—Anderson, Anthony, Austin, Avis, Barton, Britton, Burke of South Dakota; Butler, Campbell, Cramton, Dillon, Dunn, Farr, Fess Fordney, French, Good, Green, of Iowa; Griest, Hamilton, of Michigan; Hamilton, of New York; Haugen, Hawley, Helgesen, Hinds Hurphrey, of Washington; Johnson, of Washington; Kelster, Kelley, of Michigan; Kennedy, of Iowa; Kiess, of Pennsylvania; Kinkaid, Nebraska; Kreider, LaFollette, Langham, Langley, Lindbergh, Linquist, McKenzie, McLaughlin, Mapes, Mondell, Morgan, of Oklahoma; Moss, of West Virginia; Nelson, Norton, Patton, of Pennsylvania; Peters, Plumley, Powers, Prouty, Sells, Shreve, Sinnott, Slemp, Sloan, Smith, of Idaho; J. M. C. Smith, Samuel W. Smith, Steenerson, Sutherland, Switzer, Towner, Volstead, Wallin, Willis, Woods and Young, of North Dakota—Total 68.

Progressives—Bryan, Falconer, Hinebaugh, Hulings, Kelley, of Pennsylvania; Lewis, of Pennsylvania; McDonald, of Michigan; Rupley, Thompson, of Illinois; Walters and Woodruff—Total 11.

Progressive Republicans—Bell, of California; Copley, of Illinois; Lafferty, of Oregon, and Stephens, of California—Total 4.

Grand Total for the resolution, 197.

Those Voting Against.

Against the resolution: Democrats—Adair, Allen, Aswell, Bailey, Bernhart, Barlett, Bathrick, Beakes, Blackmon, Booher, Bowdle, Brockson, Broussard, Brown, of New York; Bruckner, Buchanan, of Illinois; Buchanan, of Texas; Burkley, Burgess, Burke, of Wisconsin; Callaway, Cantor, Cantrill, Cary, Carlin, Casey, Church, Clancy, Cline, oady, oney, Cox, Crosser, Cullop, Cale, Dent, Dies, Dixon, Donohoo, Donovan, Dooling, Doremus, Dupree, Driscoll, Eagan, Eagle, Estopinal, Fitzgerald, Fitzhenry, Gallagher, Gallivan, Gard, Garner, George, Gerry, Gill, Gilmore, Goeke, Goldfogle, Gordon, Goulden, Graham, of Illinois; Griffin, Hamil, Hammond, Hardy, Hart, Heflin, Henry, Hill, Igoe, Kennedy, of Connecticut; Ketner, Key, of Ohio; Kinkead, of New Jersey; Korbly, Lazaro, Lee, of Georgia; Lee, of Pennsylvania; Leesher, Levy, Lieb, Linthicum, Lobeck, Loft, Lonergan, McAndrews, McGillicuddy, Maguire, of Nebraska; Mahan, Maher, Mitchell, Montague, Morgan, of Louisiana; Morrison, Moss, of Indiana; Mulkey, O'Brien, Oglesby, O'Leary, O'Shaughnessy, Palmer, Patten, of New York; Peterson, Phelan, Pou, Price, Rauch, Rayburn, Red, Reilly, of Connecticut; Reilly, of Wisconsin; Riordan, Rouse, Sabath, Scully, Sherley, Sherwood, Slayden, Smith, of New York; Stanley, Stephens, of Nebraska; Stephens, of New Hampshire; Stone, Stringer, Summers, Talbott, of Maryland; Talcott, of New York; Thacher, Tuttle, Underhill, Underwood, Vaughan, Vinson, Vollmer, Walsh, Whiteacre, Williams, Wilson, of New York, and Witherspoon—Total 141.

Others Voting "No."

Republicans: Barchfeld, Bartholdt, Britten, Browne, Wisconsin; Browning, Calder, Cary, Cooper, Curry, Danforth, Davis, Drukker, Edmonds, Esch, Frear, Gardner, Gillett, Greene, Massachusetts; Greene, Vermont; Hayes, Howell; Johnson, Utah; Kahn, Kennedy, Rhode Island; J. P. Knowland, Lenroot, Madden, Manahan, Mann, Miller, Moore, Morin, Moot, Parker, New Jersey; Parker, New York; Platt, Porter, Roberts, Massachusetts; Roberts, Nevada; Rogers, Scott, Smith, Minnesota; Stafford, Stevens, Minnesota; Treadway, Winslow.—Total 46.

Independent—Kent, 1.

Progressive—Chandler, New York, 1.

Grand total against resolution—189.

HOUSE READY FOR VOTE

After Ten Hours of Heated Debate on Amendment Midnight Approaches.

Washington, Dec. 22.—After more than ten hours of debate the House of Representatives shortly before midnight tonight was ready for a roll call on the Hobson resolution to submit to the states an amendment for national prohibition.

It was at the conclusion of one of the most stirring of recent days in Congress and after votes on several amendments that the final vote was reached. Representative Hobson had closed the general debate, participated in by all the House leaders.

Although advocates of the resolution predicted it would receive a majority vote, many of them, including Mr. Hobson, conceded that it would not receive the two-thirds necessary for passage.

Before the roll call began, Representative Hobson presented an amendment to his resolution authorizing "Congress and the states concurrently," to enforce the prohibition provision by "needful legislation." It was adopted without division.

An amendment by Representative Adamson giving the states absolute control of legislation under the proposed prohibition amendment was voted down 32 to 179.

Representative Hobson made a final spectacular move.

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I wish to ask whether any member of this House who has a financial interest in the question now pending, who owns stock in distilleries, or breweries, who owns a saloon or who has property leased to liqur interests, can under the rules vote on this question."

The speaker explained that, according tp precedent, if a member was affected as one of a class, the rules would not prevent his voting but that the question usually was left to the member himself.

Henry Opposed Amendment.

Representative Henry, of Texas, opposed the amendment.

"This question is one which must be left to the individual states," he said.

"I love my country, but I will never support a constitutional amendment that will send a horde of Federal spies, satraps and inter-meddlers into Texas."

Representative Heflin, of Alabama declared state control of the liquor traffic was making good progress in Alabama and argued against "surrendering to the Federal government the reserved powers of the states which saved the South in the days of reconstruction."

Representative Saunders, of Virginit, supported it, and argued against the contention that it would "rob the states of reserved powers."

"The fear of the gentleman that an army of Federal spies and informers and officials will invade the states is but a poor argument," he said. "The army is there now, spies, informers and all. It is under the internal revenue bureau."

Small is Opposed.

That no Democrat could afford to vote for the resolution was the assertion of Representative Small, of North Carolina, on the ground that it would be a disastrous blow to state rights.

Proposing a substitute for the Hobson resolution, which would prevent the importation of liquor into any state from any outside source, Representative Morrison, of Indiana, kept the House in an uproar of laughter with a vigorous speech.

"There are 13 men in the Indiana delegation in this House who will vote against this resolution," he said, "and I can point out to you one man who will support the Hobson resolution who drinks more liquor in 12 days than those 13 men do in 12 years."

Representative Dupre, of Louisiana closing the opposition warned Southern members who proposed to vote for the resolution that they would be forced to a "grand and lofty tumbling" when confronted with the problem of the Federal government authority to enfranchise women of the states.

Representative Hobson declared supporters of the resolutions were more consistent than its opponents in respecting rights of the individual states.

Hobson Makes Reply.

Representative Hobson replied to a

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SPORTS

SALE OF NEW YORK YANKEES WAS COMPLETED YESTERDAY

Biggest Transaction in History of League.

"BILL" DONOVAN IS BOSS

Only Lacks Signatures of the New Owners to be Complete—Value of Team Was Estimated at About $420,000.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Sale of the New York American Baseball Club and its re-organization under the leadership of "Wild Bill" Donovan, constituting one of the biggest transactions in the history of the league, virtually was completed here today. Formal announcement of the changes awaits the arrival in New York tomorrow of Jacob Ruppert and T. L. Huston, the new owners of the Yankees. They left here late today after completing with President B. B. Johnson negotiations which have been in progress several weeks.

It was intimated at the league headquarters that only the signatures were needed to make the documents of the sale complete. No official announcement was made, however, nor was an official statement forthcoming as to the identity of the new manager, and players. From other sources it was learned that Donovan, a former Detroit pitcher and last season pilot of the Providence International League team had been chosen manager. It also was reported but not verified that Rehg, Boston; High and Pipp, Detroit; Mills, of St. Louis, and two other players were to be transferred to the New York club for moderate cash considerations. Donovan is expected to be given a chance later to figure on trades for other men.

The price for the franchise and players' contracts already held by the club has been given as about $420,000.

FOOTBALL AND BASEBALL ARE SELF-SUPPORTING AT PRINCETON

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 22.—Football and baseball are the only self-supporting branches of athletics at Princeton, according to the Athletic Association's annual report today. The figures for the 1914 football season are not yet complete, but in 1913, football netted $38,844, while in baseball last spring $9,318 was cleared. Track athletics were run at a loss of $4,561.

THEATRICAL

The day of all days has at last arrived—that day has been impatiently awaited by several thousand Wilmington amusement lovers. They have taken the Bijou management at their word when they promised the biggest treat in movies that the world has ever seen, and today they will not be disappointed when they crowd into the commodious Bijou theatre to witness the first installment of that greatest of all serial dramas, "The Master Key," in two big rousing reels of thrills. While the real thrilling action of the story proper does not get started very much in the first installment, the explanatory portions are absolutely necessary to get a clear insight into the great dramatic story that is to follow. And the last half of today's double-reel offering is replete with thrills that are seldom seen in an opening installment of a serial drama.

If you intend to follow the thrilling story, the tale of treachery, love, romance, intrigue, failure, success, through to the end, you must not miss this first installment. You who failed to see the first of "The Trey o' Hearts" were sorry ever afterwards. Well, don't be sorry again, but go early, if you want a seat, for frankly, there'll be the biggest crowd that ever attempted to get within a photoplay theatre in Wilmington.

Not content with this big offering, the Bijou has booked another rare treat for today. That is another one of those great pictures featuring the "Nation's Sweetheart," Mary Pickford, in the leading role. It's an imp drama, and is entitled "The Outcome." Don't fail to wait for this great feature after you see "The Master Key."

Then comes still another big number, one of those famous L-Ko comedies, the like of which Wilmington has never before seen. It is entitled "Fido's Dramatic Career."

Big Double Show at New Grand.

Ah, today is the great day at the New Grand, the spot that is the most comfortable and the handsomest in Wilmington. Today is going to be the occasion of a great double show. Not content with presenting the 13th episode of "The Million Dollar Mystery," the greatest and most expensive film serial ever set before the people, coming from the pen of the well known author, Harold McGrath, but it will present many other films, thus offering a superb double show for the price of one—five cents, afternoon and night. The holiday spirit prevails at the New Grand, too, and yesterday this popular amusement resort was packed with folks. It was a great holiday crowd that knew just the spot to seek in order to have a gala time. The people can safely count on seeing some big Christmas time show every day at the New Grand. Today's show, as stated, is of double size and all for one admission. Of course, the 13th episode of "The Million Dollar Mystery" will top the show, and it is the most thrilling of all. Following this will come one of the greatest of fun films, "The Servant Question." It is a big laugh a second, so don't miss it.

"Laughter is ne of the greatest of tonics and this photoplay is one of the greatest laugh-makers. A star cast of comedians and comediennes appears, made up of all old favorites. Next will come in very latest Hearst-Selig Pictorial Review, which is a corker in every way, flashing the very latest current events and thus furnishing valuable information, as well as big entertainment.

The Christmas present contest closes tonight at the New Grand and tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock the handsome talking doll and $10 gold piece will be given away.

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true Tonic. For adults and children, 50c.
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We are showing all linen handkerchiefs from 5c to $2 each. C. H. Fore & Co.—Advertisement.

The Bijou—Everybody's Going.
To see "The Master Key" today—Advertisement.

"BILL" FETZER TO COACH DAVIDSON ATHLETICS

Announcement Greeted With Great Pleasure.

Succeeds His Brother, Bob Fetzer, and is an Athlete Well Known in Virginia and North Carolina Sport Circles.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Davidson, N. C., Dec. 22.—The announcement by the college authorities of the agreement of William (Bill) Fetzer to coach Davidson's athletics for the coming year was greeted with great enthusiasm by the entire student body. Fetzer is a man well known in Virginia and Carolina athletic circles and Davidson is to be congratulated on securing his services.

He takes the place of his brother, Bob Fetzer, who led Davidson through one of the most successful football seasons on record. The team tasted defeat only once during the entire season, class of 1905. While here he their opponents' 32. Davidson has a wide-awake alumni athletic association and it is responsible for a large part of the success of the past season.

Bill Fetzer is a graduate of Davidson, class of 1905. While there he played on both the 'varsity baseball and football teams three years and was picked for the All-South Atlantic half back in the latter sport.

Since leaving college he has been connected with practically all of the teams of the Virginia League in the capacity of either player or manager. He was also for a time with Charlotte, later with Anderson in the Carolina Association. He finished the season with Connie Mack. He holds the record for the longest hit ball in the Virginia League.

Retiring from professional baseball he took up coaching at Fishburne Military Academy, having an interest in that school. For the past two seasons Bill has been conducting Camp Sapphire in Western North Carolina near Brevard and directing the athletics of that camp.

Fetzer's strong point in the coaching line is the development of young pitchers. Several notable instances of his efficiency in this line are Moran, the Washington and Lee star southpaw who is now connected with the Buffalo Federals; "Watt" Efird, another Washington and Lee star now pitching for Roanoke in the Virginia League, and many other pitchers of less note.

The prospects for a winning team in baseball next spring are exceedingly bright. Eight of their last year's team returned, viz: Crayton, Somerville, Cristenbury, Watkins, Stough, Brown, Walker and Kluttz. The only weak point seems to be a scarcity of pitchers. They report an abundance of freshmen material and with the new arrivals after the holidays and Fetzer's efficient coaching, it is expected that the old "Red and Black" team will make as good a showing on the diamond as they did on the gridiron this fall.

WANT PEACE BUT NOT PEACE AT ANY PRICE

There is a Certain Way to Settle American Labor Troubles Peaceably.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 22.—"We want peace in American industry, but we do not want peace at any price," said Frank Walsh chairman of the Federal Industrial Relations commission in an address before the City Club here tonight.

"We want peace to rest on those primal rights that are the basic reason for government. A settlement of the Colorado difficulty on any other basis than the happiness and rights of men, I will always protest against."

TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY.

Board of Education to Close During Christmas for Several Days.

Announcement was made yesterday that the office of the Board of Education in the Court House would observe the same holidays as are given to the teachers and principals of the city schools with the exception of Monday, Wednesday and Saturday of next week, when the office will be open from 9 until 12 o'clock each day. The office will close for Christmas day and will open again on January 3rd.

CLOSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Christmas Exercises by Delgado School Yesterday Afternoon.

The Delgado school closed yesterday afternoon for the Christmas holidays with an enjoyable entertainment and a Christmas tree. This was the first Christmas celebration in the handsome new building and the first Christmas tree to be given in the school. The teachers are Misses Viola Shaw, principal; Dorothy Owen and Grace Boyette.

PROTEST MADE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Because Gold Was Shipped From Haiti on American Gunboat.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The Haitien minister today protested to the State Department against the placing of $110,000 in gold, from the National Bank of Haiti, aboard the American gunboat Machias for shipment to the United States.

The new government in Haiti, the minister said, claims that officials of the bank had no right to remove this money, as the government had some interest in it. The gold is understood to have been placed aboard the gunboat, which left Port Au Prince for New York December 17 because no merchant vessel was available.

MRS. ROCKHILL REACHES CALIFORNIA WITH ASHES.

All That Remains of Late Veteran American Diplomat Brought Home.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—Mrs. W. W. Rockhill, widow of the veteran American diplomat, arrived here today from Honolulu, bringing with her the ashes of her husband. She will proceed to Litchfield, Conn., her former home, where the funeral services will be held.

Mr. Rockhill died in Honolulu December 8th, while on his way to accept a post as financial adviser to the Chinese government.

NO FOUNDATION FOR REPORT OF REVOLUTION.

Governor General Harrison Cables the State Department from Philippines.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Governor General Harrison, of the Philippines, cabled the War Department today that "no foundation whatever" was known in Manila for published reports of a Filipino uprising in which two companies of Philippine scouts on Corregidor Island had been disarmed.

TRADING BALANCE IS IN FAVOR OF UNITED STATES.

Over Twenty-Seven Million Dollars for Week—Seven Million Increase.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Customs house reports from the 13 districts handling 86 per cent of the nation's foreign trade show a balance in favor of the United States for the week ended December 19th, of $27,028,263, an increase of approximately $7,000,000 over the balance for the previous week. The aggregate favorable balance for the three weeks of December was $69,870,091.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Dr. Juan Carlos Blanco, minister of public works of Uruguay is on his way to the United State to return the visit made to Uruguay in 1906 by Elihu Root then Secretary of state. He will arrive here about the middle of January.

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RECOMMENDATION AS TO CONSERVATION OF FORESTS.

Congress Urged to Donate Two Million Dolars a Year That Way.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Recommendations that Congress extend appropriation for the National Forest Conservation Commission work at the rate of $2,000,000 a year until 1920, and a suggestion of the advisability of undertaking forest purchases in the mountains in Arkansas were made in the commission's report submitted today to Congress.

The commission has approved purchase of 1,104,529 acres on watersheds of navigable streams in Georgia, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Purchase areas have been designated in Alabama, but no purchases have been approved.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT. EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable H. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
S. P. COLLIER. Deputy Clerk.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNty of New Hanover:

By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake at low water mark on Middle Sound, a little north of the mouth of the first Branch South of Page's creek, the corner of a tract of land now or formerly owned by Charles Waters, and running thence with said Waters' line north forty (40) degrees west one hundred and twenty-one (121) poles and two (2) links to the line (corner) of a tract of land formerly owned by W. F. Alexander, being the corner of the lands formerly owned by said Waters and B. B. Humphrey, and the said lands herein conveyed; thence with said Humphrey's line North thirty-five (35) degrees east, ninety-two (92) poles, to a stake at the mouth of Red Mill Branch; thence from this stake along Page's Creek at low water mark to Middle Sound, and thence along low water mark of said Sound to a point of beginning, containing sixty-seven (67) acres, more or less.

Dated and posted this 10th day of December, 1914.

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WILL WORK FOR STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Its Creation to be Urged Upon General Assembly.

Legislative Committee of N. C. Good Roads Association Laying Plans. Dates for National Guard Inspection Named.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The legislative committee of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, in session here their afternoon, laid plans for getting through the Legislature at its approaching session the State Highway commission bill that was endorsed by the State Good Roads convention held last summer in Durham. John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, is chairman of the committee and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the State Geological Survey, is the active head of the movement. The committee determined to press the bill for the earliest possible enactment after the Legislature convenes.

The bill provides for a State highway commission consisting of the director of the Geological and Economic Survey, a professor of civil engineering of the faculty of the University of North Carolina and a professor of civil engineering of the A. & M. college, these to serve without pay except per diem and mileage when actual meetings are held. The commission shall select, with the approval of the Governor, a civil engineer to serve as State highway commissioner at a salary fixed by the commission, term of office to be six years. An office for the commission shall be maintained in Raleigh, the State highway commissioner to have general supervision of the highway work throughout the State with work directed especially to the ultimate working out of a system of roads that will connect the county seats of all the counties.

Acme Warehouse Co. Chartered.

A charter was issued today for the Guilford Motor Car Company, of Greensboro, capital $125,000 authorized and $15,000 subscribed by W. L. Stainback, R. M. Clapp and S. L. Alderman.

Another charter is for the Acme Warehouse Company, of Acme, Columbus county capital, $25,000 by William Gilchrist, G. Herbert Smith and J. W. McCormick, of Wilmington, for general storage of cotton and cotton goods and other products.

Graham Submits Answer.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham has submitted to Governor Craig his answer to the suggestion of the legislative examining committee that the department should file all vouchers bearing on is finances with the State Treasurer. The commissioner points out that the State Board of Agricultural is vested with the control and supervision of the finances of the department and examines books and vouchers each semi-annual period in strict compliance with the law and that the filing of vouchers is neither necessary nor required, the department, revenue and funds being treated entirely independent of the State Treasury.

National Guard Inspection Dates.

Capt. R. C. Langdon, of the United States army, and Colonel Thomas Stringfield, of the North Carolina Guard, begin on January 11 the inspection of the companies of the Guard, the work continuing to about April 1. The dates for the infantry inspection follow:

Raleigh January 11; Fayetteville 13; Lumber Bridge 14; Raeford 15; Dunn 18; Selma 19; Wilson 20; Clinton 21; Goldsboro 22-23; Kinston 25-26; Morehead 27; Edenton 29; Tarboro February 1; Rocky Mount 2; Warrenton 11; Oxford 12; Henderson 13; Louisburg 15; Franklinton 16; Durham 17; Burlington 18; Lexington 19; Thomasville 20; Asheboro 22; Reidsville 23; Shelby March 8; Gastonia 9; Charlotte 10; Concord 11; High Point 12; Winston-Salem 13; Mount Airy 15; Statesville 16; Hickory 17; Asheville 18-19-20; Waynesville March 22.

The Coast Artillery inspections will be by Capt. Alexander Grig, Jr., for the United States War Department with Colonel Stringfield, for the State Guard, as follows: Wilmington, February 9; Hendersonville March 23; Charlotte 24; Salisbury 26; Greensboro 26; Raleigh March 27.

The inspections of cavalry companies will be by First Lieutenant Creel F. Cox, of the Eleventh Cavalry as follows: Asheville March 4; Lincolnton March 6.

Attorney General Gregory Replies.

United States Attorney General Gregory has made formal acknowledgment of the receipt from Attorney General Bickett of the findings of the Corporation Commission in the matter of the receivership sale and partition of the old Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad and the recommendation by Attorney General Bickett that the Federal government institute suit against the Southern and Atlantic Coast Line for the annulment of the receivership sale and the resale of the road under terms that will require its operation without dismemberment, General Bickett holding that the former sale and partition were in violation of the order of the United States Circuit court and of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Attorney General Gregory wrote Attorney General Bickett as follows:

"I acknowledge with thanks yours of December 14, with accompanying copy of the report of the North Carolina Corporation Commission, relating to the matter of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad. I shall give the matter as prompt attention as the business of this office will permit and communicate with you later. I appreciate very much your tender of the services of your department in the prosecution of any suit. I suppose it is hardly necessary for me to say to you that at this time this office is much submerged by an unusual flow of business and that there must be some greater delay than I should like to have in giving this matter the mature consideration it requires. I have furnished Senator Tillman, at his request, a copy of the report."

Pardoned After 17 Years.

After being sentenced to be hanged in 1898 by Judge Timberlake and commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Russell and serving 17 years Sam Lucas receives from Governor Craig a pardon conditioned on good behavior. Lucas killed Henry Woods, an ice wagon driver, in Greensboro in 1898 and has made a model prisoner in serving his sentence. The killing followed a fight in the place of business of Lucas, the latter having followed Woods 75 yards or further to do the killing. But the governor says there is evidence that he was beside himself with passion and hardly realized what he was doing. The governor thinks 17 years' of service is sufficient punishment for the crime. Lucas is still a comparatively young negro. He called on the governor after he was released to express his appreciation for the pardon and assure him that he would live in strict conformity with the terms of the pardon.

FUNERAL OF DAVID STERN

Had Lived in Greensboro 10 Years —Held Places of Honor.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, Dec. 22.—The funeral of David P. Stern, who died Sunday morning at his home here ,was held from the residence Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rabbi Friedlander, of the Temple Emanuel. The service was largely attended. Interment was in the Jewish cemetery. The pallbearers were E. Sternberger, I. L. Blaustein, J. I. Oettinger, J. Goldstein, W. H. Swift, W. C. Jackson, J. Ed. Albright and L. J. Brandt.

The passing of "Pony" Stern was the occasion of genuine regret to a large circle of friends and business acquaintances here. He was a man of great intellectual powers, a successful lawyer and a friendly and charitable man. He had lived here ten years and in that time had built up a good practice. He was active in public affairs. He was a member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina, a member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Child Labor Society, a member of the Greensboro Lodge of Masons and other fraternal and charitable organizations.

WAKE COUNTY GRAND JURY ISSUES A STATEMENT

With Reference to Sensational Events of the Past Few Weeks.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22.—The Wake county grand jury that stirred a sensation here recently with its criticisms of County Superintendent of Schools Z. V. Judd and County Road Supervisor Wiggs, that were quickly disproven as to Judd, and denied with counter charges as to the grand jury's conduct by Wiggs, issued a statement this evening, in which Wiggs is quoted as retracting his charge against the grand jury that the criticisms as to bad management of county road matters and of his official conduct, was slipped into the report by one juryman without the knowledge or approval of the full jury, but insists that the jury's findings were all wrong.

Grand jurors explain that the charge against them of having allowed jurymen owning vehicles to charge the county $5 each for the use of them in visiting county institutions was unfounded for the reason that vehicles from any other source would have cost the county more.

See us for table linen, napkins and towels. C. H. Fore & Co.—Advertisement.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Supervising Architect's Office, Washington, D. C., December 15, 1914.—Sealed proposals will be opened in this office at 3 P. M., January 14, 1915, for the construction complete (including mechanical equipment) of medical officers' quarters at the United States Marine Hospital, Wilmington, N. C. The building is a two-story frame structure with a ground area of 1,170 square feet. Drawings and specifications may be obtained from the custodian at Wilmington, N. C., or at this office, in the discretion of the Supervising Architect. O. Wenderoth, Supervising Architect. de18,21,23,25,28,30-6t

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the late A. D. McDonald, I hereby notify all persons having claims against said Testator, to present the same to me, duly verified, on or before the 25th day of November, 1915, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated at Wilmington, N. C., this November 24th, 1915.

W. H. SPRUNT,
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of A. D. McDonald, Deceased.
no 25 de- 2-9-16-23-30.

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For information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club, Phone 110, American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

It's Here.

"The Master Key" Bijou today.—Advertisement.

TWO CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Preaching and Music in Morning and Sunday School Service in Afternoon.

Two services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Christmas Day, and elaborate programmes have been prepared for both. At the morning service the offering will be turned over to the Associated Charities to aid in the relief work of that organization. The exercises in the afternoon will be by the Sunday school and a large Christmas tree will be a feature of the programme.

Rev. F. B. Clausen, the pastor, will preach at the morning service on "The Soul of Christmas," and the musical programme at this service will include the following selections:

Anthem, "Sing, O Heavens"—Caleb Simper.

Hallelujah Sentence—Praetorius (16 cent.)

Offertory, solo sung by Miss Katharine Vollers, "The Birthday of the King"—A. H. Neidlinger.

The Christmas service of the Sunday school will begin at 5 o'clock and the following programme will be rendered:

Good Tidings—Dorothy Banck and Valaria Simons.

Christmas Everywhere — Andrew Mahler, Carl Fuchs, James Bordeaux, Fuchs, Victor Zoeller.

O, Earth, Rejoice—Marie Bonitz.

Primary Department Exercises—Daisy Mohr, Wilmer Kuck, Dorothy Schnibben, Mary Bissinger, Teresa McMillan, Josephine Dreher, Grace Otten, Johanna Duls.

The Shepherds in the Field—James McMillan, Thomas Polvogt, John Fuchs, Fred Haar, William Koenig, Fred Clausen, George Brit, Ernest Schnibben, Arlene Kuck.

The Shepherds at the Manger—Geo. Murphy, Henry Duls, Henry Gieschen, William Nurnberger, Francis Cheek.

No Room for Jesus—Katharine Rehder.

Our Christmas—Marjory, Bonitz, Catharine Schnibben, Lillian Whilden.

When Christmas Comes—Edelweiss Shearin.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Proprietors of the Hotel Wilmington Filed Paper Yesterday.

A partnership agreement, dated August 19, between Mr. T. A. Green, of this city, and Mr. R. C. Gresham, at that time of Spartanburg, S. C., wherein each assumes half interest in the Cape Fear Hotel Company, owning and operating the Hotel Wilmington, was filed for record yesterday. The agreement was entered into following the purchase by Mr. R. C. Gresham of the half interest in the company from Mr. Clarence Gresham, of Mount Airy, Ga. The agreement has been in effect prior to and ever since the opening of the hotel.

According to the terms of the agreement, it is planned later on to incorporate the company to own and operate the hotel, and each partner shall have the privilege of owning 50 per cent. of the capital stock or the direction of the disposal of any part of 50 per cent. of the stock.

The Hotel Wilmington has been in operation for several months and has come to enjoy a splendid patronage. It is one of the handsomest and best appointed hostelries in the State.

Judge Whedbee to Preside.

Judge H. W. Whedbee, of Greenville, N. C., will preside over the first term of Superior Court in this county in the new year. This is a two weeks' term beginning Monday, January 4th, and will be for the trial of both criminal and civil cases, the first part of the term being devoted to criminal and the latter part to civil matters. This will be Judge Whedbee's first appearance on the bench here for a year or more.

FORM MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP.

Dr. J. F. Little to be Associated With Dr. M. M. Caldwell.

Dr. Morris M. Caldwell has announced a partnership between himself and Dr. J. F. Little, of Philadelphia, Pa., effective early in the new year. Dr. Caldwell's practice has grown to a point where it taxes his efforts to give it the proper attention, and he has associated Dr. Little with him in order to look after the growing duties.

Dr. Caldwell's office is located at Third and Walnut streets, and a force of carpenters is now at work remodeling and enlarging the offices.

Dr. Little is a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, receiving his diploma in 1904, and in addition to his private practice in Philadelphia, he has also been assistant demonstrator of anatomy in Jefferson College, on the medical staff of Jefferson Hospital and of St. Timothy's Hospital.

He is an expert with the X-ray and will have charge of that department of the practice in this city. Extensive arrangements for this feature are being made in the offices now being remodeled. He was in Wilmington some time ago arranging the details of the partnership with Dr. Caldwell, and will return shortly after the new year.

COUNCIL MEETS TODAY.

Changing Fifth Street's Name May be Opposed.

City Council will meet this morning at 10 o'clock in regular weekly session, and so far as was known at the City Hall yesterday no matters of any great importance are scheduled to come before the body. It is understood, however, that protest will likely be made to Council against the proposal to change the name of Fifth street to Fifth avenue, which was suggested to Council in a petition signed by over 50 citizens residing on this street, filed with the body several weeks ago. It is said that many of the residents along Fifth street are opposed to the change of name, and can see no good reason to make the change as suggested.

It has also been suggested that Market street be changed to Ocean avenue, or Central avenue, and that if this suggestion assumes concrete form, it, too, will be opposed.

Will Arbitrate Matter.

Justice Bornemann announced yesterday that he would allow a case brought by Mr. L. W. Stein against Mr. I. Miller, for an amount of money alleged to be due for two suits of clothes, to be arbitrated today. It is understood that the plaintiff alleges that the defendant owes for two suits of clothes, while the latter says that he only bought one suit. Justice Bornemann instructed the parties to the suit each to select one person and after the evidence was heard today that these two persons decide the matter.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: J. H. Hinton and wife to Marsden Bellamy, for $100 and other considerations, lot on northeast corner of Thirteenth and Orange streets, 99 by 150 feet in size; J. O. Reilly to A. B. Rhodes, for $1,150 and other considerations, lot on west line of Eighth, 132 feet south of Orange street, 33 by 132 feet in size; Susan E. Moore, executrix, and others to Julius Lee, for $100 and other considerations, lot on west line of Thirteenth, 99 feet south of Orange street, 33 by 150 feet in size.

Household Goods Attached.

The household and kitchin furniture of Mr. E. C. Bowersock, formerly principal and owner of the Southern Business and Shorthand University, this city, was attached yesterday afternoon by Constable Davis after it had been consigned to Washington, D. C. The attachments papers were issued by Justice Harriss for alleged debts due the Ford Auto Company and Mr. J. E. Hatch.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1914.

Judging from the number of Chirstmas killings in this country, the firing line in Europe has competition.

Resolve on the 1st of January not to run in the same old ruts for another year. Now is the time to draft all sorts of resolutions.

Wilmington merchants generally report Christmas trade one-fourth off, while some say their receipts do not show any falling off.

Where are the minor prophets and the greater prophets of the day that they let 1914 come without foreseeing the world's troubles?

During the coming year Atlanta is to be enlivened by another fight on Mayor Woodward. The opposition probably knows it has got to fight a veteran.

London is complaining about having to pay 38 cents a pound for good butter, on account of the war. A great many people in this country would like to send to London for the kind of butter that sells there at 38 cents.

A Macon man who failed had liabilities of $700,000 and assets of $1,000. It is not stated what business the bankrupt engaged in but it is inferred that his activities consisted of bringing about a redistribution of wealth. His assets show that he wa sno hoarder at all.

Political parties in the United States have no reason to expect to stay in very long at a time. The reason is that a number in each party think they know more than the whole thing and thereupon start an internal disturbance that sooner or later brings on disruption.

Everybody can enlist in North Carolina's proposed war on illiteracy. War has been declared and the plan is to fight ignorance to the finish. The fight will begin right after the New Year shall have been ushered in and the first battle will be fought out in the legislative halls at Raleigh.

Having closed down when it ought to have kept running, one of the biggest coton manufactories at Lowell, Mass., now has to run 24 hours a day, with three shifts of hands, to keep up with its orders. The cotton manufacturers could not see the opportunities ahead of them but waited till they were waked up by their heavy knocking.

Much is being said by optimistic standpatters about the "Revival of the Republican party." We can't see how a party with its record of legislating for special interests at the expense of the masses could possibly be revived except for mistakes of the Democratic party while it has the chance to give the country a government that is free from radical ideas. It is up to the Democrats to play a safe game during the next two years.

No greater humiliation could be heaped upon a Florida town than that a snow storm, a freeze, or a cold wave should incidentally come along and call for apologies to Northern visitors who might mistake incidentally rare weather for the usual Florida article. The Miami Herald is trying to put one over on Jacksonville for the unusual visitation of snow, which is some places was two or three inches deep. It is needless to say that Jacksonville will regard Miami as the Petrograd of Florida.

Who doubts that times are getting better as the New Year approaches. The bank clearings all over the country prove it. The banks of seven leading cities of the country last week reported clearing only 10.7 per cent. less than they were during the corresponding week last year. This shows that business is more than 90 per cent. normal. It is an improvement over preceding weeks and it is good ground for expecting 1915 operations to reach normal again.

BATTLING ON CHRISTMAS.

The belligerent nations in Europe have failed to take advantage of the proposition of the Pope for all to agree to a truce on Christmas, so the birthday of the Savior could be observed in peace along the battle line everywhere in the several war zones in which the bloody struggle has been kept up so incessantly for more than four months.

The Pope's beneficent proposal will not be heeded. Neither will the resolution introduced in our own Congress (in the Senate), declaring that it is the opinion of Americans that a Christmas truce should be proclaimed and all armies cease fighting for the day. This is a new idea that has come to us, for we have failed ourselves in the past to observe the Christmas we now consider so sacred. Even on the day before Christmas and on Christmas day in 1864, the boom of guns at Fort Fisher were heard by Wilmington people while one of the great battles fought there was in progress. As to some of our own Christmas fighting, this from the Jacksonville Times-Union will remind us:

"We celebrated the Christmas of 1775 by turning the guns of Fort Moultrie on a British squadron that came with full power to make peace, and one of these shots upset a bowl of punch placed on the table for the consumption of Admiral Parker, who felt the inspiration of the time very deeply. Also, our armies under Arnold and Montgomery were assaulting the walls of Quebec much after a fashion that is now the mode in Flanders and Poland.

"Washington spent the Christmas of 1776 in crossing the Delaware and disturbing some good Germans who had established themselves in Trenton.

"Our men and brethren were not in a holiday humor for the Christmas of 1777, which they insisted on passing at Valley Forge, although Howe had invited them urgently to come into Philadelphia and make peace.

"In 1778 the Americans did not enjoy the Christmas holidays, being anxious to get out of Savannah, where the British seemed anxious to join them.

"Washington spent the Christmas of 1779 in cantonments at Morristown, anxiously interested in the charges against Arnold, whom he had left in charge of Philadelphia, and who had become quite too gay for that Quaker community.

"During the Christmas holidays of 1780, Gen. Greene refused to consider the feelings of the English in South Carolina, and gave them all the trouble he could.

"Christmas of 1781 was a jolly one for us, America accepting the surrender of Cornwallis as a special grace of Divine providence.

"Omitting other dates, let us note that for the Christmas of 1814 Gen. Jackson joyfully received and entertained a host of our British kin at New Orleans.

"During the Christmas season of 1860 Americans were fraternizing in Charleston harbor, where compliments were exchanged between Fort Sumter and Battery Wagner.

"During the Christmas days of 1861 the scrapping was warm in a widely extended area.

"To celebrate the Christmas of 1862, Gen. Sherman and Admiral Porter assaulted the defenses of Vicksburg till they grew tired.

"Just before the Christmas of 1863 President Lincoln offered amnesty to all rebels who would submit, and he spent the holy day in sorrow because his proposition was not accepted.

"Gen. Butler assaulted Fort Fisher to celebrate the Christmas of 1864, behaving himself much as those we now condemn for like activities in Europe.

"The South endured her Christmas of 1865 under the heel of military despots and African savages and carpetbaggers and scalawags, preparing for the organization in secret that was to save her women and her social structure, without regard to the issue of the trial by combat."

We should hardly expect Europe to share our belated Christmas sentiment. Would we ourselves stop fighting, were we arrayed on the field of battle?

NORTH CAROLINA LEADS ENTIRE COTTON BELT.

North Carolina has continuously increased its trend towards crop diversification, and now Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham is claiming that this State is more than breaking even on its production of cotton and its purchase of food and feed stuffs shipped into the State from abroad. The Star's Raleigh correspondent tells us that the commissioner "expressed the deepest gratification at the showing made by North Carolina in being the only State in the cotton belt that produces a cotton crop that is in excess of the value of the feed stuffs brought into the State each year."

If that be true, North Carolina is correspondingly better off agriculturally than other Southern states, but if it be true that their cotton crops do not pay for the food and feed stuffs brought in each year, how do they get the balance of the money necessary to pay their food and feed stuff bills? If it requires all their cotton money and more besides, how is it possible for a farm to have a money surplus on hand after the corn, meat, flour, hay and other such supplies are paid for? We hardly think it is as bad as that in any Southern state, but the condition is so ruinous that all of us ought to be convinced that it does not pay to raise cotton with which to purchase our food and feed supplies.

According to Commissioner Graham's figures, North Carolina is only making progress at best in purchasing less of its food and feed supplies. That is gratifying, of course, but still it is rather startling that up to 1909 it took North Carolina's entire cotton crop to purchase supplies shipped from distant producing regions. According to our Raleigh correspondent here is the reason for Commissioner Graham's gratification.

"The records show that in 1909 North Carolina raised 54 millions of dollars' worth of cotton and imported into the State to supplement home supplies 54 million dollars' worth of feed for man and beast. The commissioner says that the 1914 showing will be 20 million dollars' worth of supplies imported from other states and that even at 6 cents per pound the value of the cotton crop will be considerably over that amount. The commissioner says the farmers of the State are rapidly measuring up to the appeals being made for them to supply their own homes and bring corn, small grains and other supplies into line as money crops as well as for supplying their own homes."

There is not enough in the above for gratification but just enough upon which to hinge hope of a better showing year by year. For instance, in the year that North Carolina sent away $54,000,000 of her cotton money for $54,000,000 worth of feed stuffs we must remember that it was a losing proposition for us. We sent out of the State, mark you, all the receipts from our cotton crop, including the cost of production and whatever profit there was, if any, on the crop. According to the figures of the United States Agricultural Department, the cost of producing our $54,000,000 cotton crop amounted to about 70 per cent of the total sum.

Thirty per cent of $54,000,000 would represent the profit on the crop, if it brought 12 cents per pound, so that deducting the profit from the total sum we find out that our profit of $16,200,000 had to be supplemented by an additional $37,800,000, since we already had expended that amount in producing the crop. So we see that we not only sent away the profit on our cotton crop, but just as much in addition as it cost us to produce it. That indicates a losing proposition, to be sure, and the figures prove very clearly that we cannot afford to raise cotton at 8 cents a pound, sell it for even 12 cents, and then spend the 12 cents for something to eat.

It is figured that we now send out of the State $20,000,000 a year for what we consume in food and feed stuffs. Even that is way above the profit on all the cotton raised in North Carolina. It is an interesting economic proposition, and one who figures on it will learn why it is that, with such a money crop as cotton, the productive values on Southern farms are the smallest in the United States. It also accounts for the fact that Southern lands have less value than lands in the wheat, corn and meat producing West. In fact, we create low values for our lands by producing just one crop, on which the profit sometimes is zero.

In urging the diversification of crops in South Carolina a few days ago, the Columbia State called attention to the fact that South Carolina buys $11,000,000 worth of meat per annum. Let us say that South Carolina's average cotton crop is 1,500,000 bales each year and the profit is even $10 per bale. Deduct $11,000,000 from that and it is easy to see that South Carolina would have left only $4,000,000 with which to pay for corn, flour, hay, butter, and other food stuffs. Sending away more than the profit on our cotton is simply sending away that much additional money. That is all there is to it.

When, therefore, we break even on cotton profits and food purchases, we are not doing much. In other words, it is false economy to even spend our cotton profits for something to live on. When the South begins to diversify its crops it will be able to see clearly that its farm economy is woefully out of joint.

WATER GATEWAYS FOR MANUFACTURING.

The Star has often emphasized the great advantage of the ocean gateway from Wilmington to Southport for utilization in manufacturing for export. There are numerous water front sites for manufacturing plants for a distance of 28 miles on the west side of Brunswick Bay and 12 to 14 miles on the east or city side. Brunswick Bay really is that portion of the Cape Fear river extending from about opposite Sunset Park to Southport, although many people have never heard of that part of our ocean gateway by its right name.

Not only is our deep water front available for manufacturing for export, but for all lines of manufacturing, since factories would have the advantage of both water and rail transportation for receiving or shipping raw materials or finished products. The Delaware waterway up to Philadelphia furnishes ample proof of what we say. Catch on to this, for example, from the editorial columns of the Philadelphia Record:

"After sleeping for nearly three centuries Newcastle, Del., is to be the site of a large branch of the Bethlehem Steel Company, where munitions of war will be manufactured. This is an interesting step as marking the growing popularity of the Delaware river for great industrial plants. Eddystone, Chester, Thurlow, Marcus Hook, Edgemoor and Wilmington are gradually turning the west bank of the stream into an almost continuous row of thriving communities. Newcastle will continue the march southward. Thus slowly but surely the Delaware, deepened and improved for every demand of commerce, is gradually coming into its own."

There you are. The deep water front from Philadelphia as far as Wilmington, Del., is occupied by manufacturing cities and towns. The probability is that stretch of waterway contains more manufacturing establishments than any other manufacturing district in America. The factories are located on the Delaware because of the advantage they have in exporting, but they not only have water transportation but rail transportation to double the eligibility of the various points where great industries have sprung up.

Even the largest manufacturing plants in our own Wilmington occupy water front sites. Just think of the numerous sites yet available for big plants!

The trial of the Wolf of Wall Street for impersonating a Congressman shows that you can't go around impersonating any and all kinds of men. Now some piker has come along and gotten himself in jail for impersonating a city councilman.

A WOMAN FARM MANAGER.

A Wilmington man tried to impress upon his better half what an ideal side line it would be for her to have a farm near the city. She replied that she did not propose to work on any farm, but hubby explained that she did not have to work, since all she had to do would be to drive or motor out and supervise the farming operations. As the saying goes, "the jury took the case, but has not yet brought in a verdict."

In the West women have made capital farm managers and have found it full of profit as well as good recreation. Out at North Oaks, Minnesota, the great dairy farm of Mr. James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, is managed by a woman. Mr. Hill's woman manager is Mrs. Harrison, who received her training in a dairy school in England. She is making a tremendous success of the Hill dairy, and it is one of the model farms of the kind in America. Huh?

American manufacturers who can turn out war materials and equipments are so flooded with orders from European governments that contractors complain of inability to get steamships to make delivery as promptly as required. That is hard on those who want material with which to battle but it is good luck for the other side. It has been urged that the proposed government operation of steamship lines would enable war material to go forward, but people who reason that way do not stop to think that govment ships carrying war material to any belligerent would demonstrate a fine article of neutrality. Private owned ships might do it, and that is bad enough, but any government taking a hand in it would be held accountable by the belligerent who happened to suffer the most.

President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, recently expressed himself in an outburst in which he characterized the Wilson administration as a "political barbarism tempered by rhetoric." Learned educators in this country never seem to think that they can be quoted by anarchists to justify their own attacks on organized government. The administration of any party is at least entitled to the respect of all Americans of orderly minds.

MORE CHILDREN HIRED ON FARMS THAN IN FACTORIES

Some Interesting Figures Compiled by Prof. E. C. Branson.

(Chapel Hill Correspondence of Charlotte Observer.)

Chapel Hill, Dec. 17.—"No merry May pole dance for them"—This is the axiomatic phrase which Prof. E. C. Branson of the chair of rural sociology of the State University, has fitly applied to the army of North Carolina boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 12 years old, who are laboring incessantly in the mills and on the farms; contributing to swell the volume of the State's illiteracy. The total number of boys, between the ages of 10 and 13, that are engaged in gainful occupations is 53,457; engaged in agriculture 47,554; hired out for farm and dairy farm work, 7,560; employed in the cotton mills as spinners, winders, bobbin boys, doffers and carriers, 2,704.

The figures of the numbers of girls engaged in downright hard toil, girls between the ages of 10 and 13, makes a rather startling exhibit. The number engaged in gainful occupations is 30,822; engaged in agriculture 26,196; hired out for farm and dairy work, 3,643; in cotton mills as spinners, winders and spoolers, 2,319.

The children in North Carolina engaged in some form of farm work outnumber children in the mills more than 16 to one. The sociologist sees a vital relation between the startling figures just quoted and the relative proportion of white illiteracy in the rural districts and the illiteracy in the towns and cities. Only 7,440 native white illiterates in the State live in towns and cities; in the country districts they number 124,552.

The hired-out farm boys between the ages of 10 and 13 years old, outnumber the boys in the mills more than three to one; and the hired out farm girls outnumber the mill girls more than three to one.

The commentary of the University professor upon the facts justifying the claim of social workers of the State that there is a child labor problem of no small proportions is that "for many or most of these children, life is a march through burning desert sands."

CURRENT COMMENT.

When Bismarck was asked what he would do if England landed 100,000 men on the German coast he replied that he would call the police and have them arrested. His jest has been outdone by the solemn reality of a Coroner's jury in Scarborough that viewed the remains of persons killed by the bombardment on Wednesday and found a verdict of murder. Will a Yorkshire grand jury bring in true bills against the captains of the German war vessels, and will the local criminal court issue warrants for their arrest? The bombardment of a ruined church and of the residence section of towns does not seem calculated to achieve any military ends, but it seems like introducing a comedy element into the tragedy of war to hold a coroner's inquest over the victims.—Philadelphia Record.

Bartow's publicity campaign is bringing results, according to reports from that flourishing section. The board of trade recently had published about 25,000 very handsome and complete descriptive pamphlets of Bartow and vicinity and the greater part of the booklets have been distributed in sections where they would do the most good. The arrival almost daily of people who have learned of Bartow through this campaign is noted, and many of the newcomers are planning to make their homes in Bartow and are purchasing property. The board of trade is a most active body and its work is appreciated by the people at large. As an evidence of the regard in which the board is held, it is understood that the city council will set apart rooms for the use of the organization in the new city hall, to be constructed in a prominent part of Bartow shortly.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

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HANSLEY HELD WITHOUT BOND BY THE CORONER

Admits Shooting Hewett, But Says Was Accidental.

Negro Came to Wilmington Yesterday and Submitted to Arrest—Inquest Takes Up Entire Day—No New Material Facts.

That Joe S. Hewett, who was shot and instantly killed near Seagate early Monday night, came to his death from a wound inflicted by a gun in the hands of Jim Hansley, colored, was the verdict of the jury impannelled by Coroner A. S. Holden to hold an inquest, late yesterday afternoon after spending the entire day in the examination of witnesses. Hansley admits shooting Hewett, but says that it was accidental. After being pursued all Monday night by Sheriff Cowan and his officers, Hansley came to the city on an early morning suburban car and allowed himself to be arrested by Plainclothesman Leon George.

Coroner Holden committed the negro to jail without bond on a charge of murder to await the next term of Superior Court. No new material facts were brought out in the evidence yesterday with the exception of the admission of Hansley that he did the shooting and that the shot was fired from an old fashioned muzzle loading shotgun. All of those present at Hansley's home near Seagate when the shooting occurred testified substantially to the same facts at the inquest. Hansley was not placed on the stand.

The remains of the deceased man, which were taken to Mr. W. E. Yopp's funeral parlors to be prepared for burial immediately after the shooting occurred, were removed yesterday afternoon to the home of his sister, Mrs. H. H. Core, No. 616 Wooster street. The funeral will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The interment will be in the graveyard at Prospect church.

Sheriff Cowan, accompanied by Deputy Sheriffs Reynolds and Kelly and Mr. H. Mack Godwin, searched the woods in the vicinity of Seagate until 3 o'clock yesterday morning, but on account of the darkness were unable to locate Hansley, although they passed at one time within 30 yards of him.

The jury which investigated the circumstances surrounding the homicide was composed of Messrs. J. C. Oldham, foreman; George Rogers, J. E. Hines, John Johnson, J. B. Hewlett and Chas. Summerlin. The examinations were conducted by County Solicitor George Peschau. This was the first case upon which Coroner Holden, who was appointed a week ago by the Board of County Commissioners, has been called.

William Wright, of Seagate, who was at Hansley's home when the shooting occurred, testified that he was with the deceased all the afternoon and that they left Wilmington at 3:30 Monday afternoon in a wagon with Monroe Toomer, colored, and Jim Hansley. Near Bradley's creek they picked up Tom Sneeden, he said, and went to Hansley's home, arriving there about dark. After talking for a few minutes John Wesley, colored, came up and he and Monroe Toomer began to tussle in a friendly way on the back porch. Hansley came out on the porch with a lamp in his hand and told them to stop. Either dropping the lamp or throwing it down, he went back into the room from which he had come and a moment later the witness said that he heard a shot.

He ran over to where Hewett was and said to Hansley, he continued, that he had killed a man, which the latter denied. All wanted to leave, he said, except himself and the negroes ran away. He and Sneeden, he stated, went to the home of Mr. Piner a short distance away and notified Sheriff Cowan over the telephone. The witness said that all of the men who went down in the wagon had been drinking but was positive that there was no drinking at the home of Hansley.

Dr. John Thames, assistant county health officer, who examined the body of the deceased, testified as to the nature of the wound which he said was evidently inflicted by a gun fired at close range.

Tom Sneeden, white, testified substantially to the same facts that Wright did. He said that he had tried to get Wright and Hewett to go home before he got out of the wagon but that when they had refused to do so he had gone along in order to look after them.

Mr. H. Mack Godwin testified as to a conversation he had with Jim Hansley after he was arrested. He said that he had gone over to the police station to find out from Hansley about a muzzle loading musket which had been found near the home of Wesley Edge, colored, early yesterday morning. The witness stated that Hansley told him that he didn't know where it was as he was scared to death when he left his home and did not know where he had carried it.

"I asked him," the witness continued, "if that was the gun he had shot Joe Hewett with, and he said yes. I did not offer him any inducement of any kind. I asked him why he had done the shooting but he would not tell me."

"Where did you get the gun?" Solicitor Peschau asked.

"I got it from Wesley Edge, colored. Edge took us down to his house on Mr. George Rogers' place near Wrightsville and secured the gun about 100 yards from the house where it was apparently hidden in the grass."

Ben Edge, colored, testified that he had seen Jim Bellamy, a colored youth, with the gun about 8 o'clock Monday night at the home of his brother, Wesley Edge. He had learned of the shooting from Lester Hansley, a nephew of Jim Hansley.

"I was standing on the back porch of Uncle Jim Hansley's house at the time Mr. Hewett was shot," Lester Hansley testified. "He was shot while he was standing on the porch. I heard the gun fire and he fell. I did not see who fired the shot."

"Where did it come from?" he was asked.

"I don't know where it came from but it must have come from the house as the powder burnt my face. I saw Hansley go into the house just before it was fired but I do not know who fired it."

John Wesley, colored, who said that his right name is Wesley Edge, was called to the stand and told about the shooting, his story being practically the same as that of the other eye witnesses to the affair. He said that he was a brother of Hansley's wife. He told about hiding the gun and of later showing Mr. H. Mack Godwin where it was. He said that Hansley came to his home about 1 o'clock yesterday morning and that he had been roaming in the woods all night. He said that after consulting with members of the family that Hansley had decided to come to the city to ask Mr. Walter Taylor what to do.

Monroe Toomer, colored, 65 years old, cheerfully admitted that he had been drinking, that he was feeling lively and that he had engaged in a friendly tussle with John Wesley on the back porch and that owing to his foot getting into a crack he had fallen to the floor. He said that he didn't know what happened later, but that when the shot was fired he ran away pretty fast and did not stop until he got to the Two-Mile branch. He said that all those at the house ate supper and that it was a good one. He denied that anyone drank at the house.

The examination of witnesses was finished shortly before 6 o'clock and the jury returned a verdict shortly afterwards.

SKETCH OF GEN. W. C. WELLS

Jackson, Miss., Paper Carries Story of Life of Father of Dr. Jno. M. Wells, of Wilmington.

An interesting biographical sketch of Gen. W. Calvin Wells, of Jackson, Miss., father of Rev. Dr. Jno. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, is contained in the issue of the Daily Clarion-Ledger, of Jackson, Miss., of December 16th, in connection with the account of the sudden death of General Wells there the day before.

On account of the fact that General Wells was well known in Wilmington, where he had visited his son, and also where he had appeared in cases in the United States Federal Court on several occasions, and because of the universal esteem in which his son, Dr. Wells, is held here, the following will be of interest:

"W. Calvin Wells was born January 19, 1844, near Auburn, in Hinds county, and had he lived to celebrate his approaching birthday, would have been 71 years of age.

"He sprang from an educated, God-fearing family, and after his education in available schools, war then waging between the North and the South, he enlisted in the 22nd Mississippi under Colonel Elliot, Company B, the second company to leave Raymond for the bloody, four-year conflict.

"The war ended, Mr. Wells returned to Auburn, and soon after commenced his studies at the State University, graduating in the same class with his life-long friend, the late Bishop Chas. B. Galloway.

"Mr. Wells married Miss Mary Miller, of Pontotoc, Miss., and of this union three children are living, W. Calvin Wells, Jr., of Jackson, for many years associated with the deceased in the practice of law; Dr. Jno. M. Wells, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, N. C., and Mrs. Mary Wells Kuykendall, of Charleston, W. Va.

"Mr. Wells commenced the practice of law at Raymond, and during his long and honorable career at the bar of this state has been associated with some of the most important legal battles ever fought out in Mississippi courts. At the bar of the Supreme Court he ranked as a leader, and his opinion was frequently sought by the bar of the state.

"As a lawyer, Mr. Wells never lost sight of his duty to his client and was ranked a hard fighter. He was invariably courteous and opposing counsel always found him absolutely fair, just and honorable in the practice.

"Mr. Wells had been a life-long member of the Presbyterian church, and for many years held his membership in the First Presbyterian church of Jackson. At the time of his death he was leader of the Bible class and was one of the oldest of the Session of Elders of this church. He had taken an active part in the social life of the city and up to the very moment of his death was keenly interested in all public affairs.

"Mr. Wells was ever loyal to the memory of the Lost Cause and never ceased to do honor to his companions in arms who fought for the glory of the South, for their native land and the right as God gave them to see it. He was a member of R. A. Smith Camp U. C. V., and as such was a regular attendant at the meetings. At the Confederate Reunion held in Jacksonville, Fla., some months ago, Mr. Wells was orator of the day and delivered an address which at the time was widely quoted in the public press.

"At his death he held the honorary rank of Brigadier General on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans.

"The popularity of W. Calvin Wells was limited only by his circle of acquaintance. He was a man of broad Christian charity, high ideals and untarnished honor. Among his friends were all classes and conditions and none knew him but delighted to do him honor."

The funeral of General Wells was held Friday, Dec. 18th, and, according to the Clarion-Ledger, was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends from many parts of the State of Mississippi, including many Confederate veterans, gathered to pay a last tribute to their departed comrade.

HOLDS JUDGMENT OPEN.

Recorder Empie Will Consider Evidence Carefully Against Negroes.

Judgment was left open until this morning by Recorder Brooke G. Empie in the cases against Alfred Smith and James Riley, both colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. These negroes were identified by Mr. Volney Gilbert as having been the ones who threw a rock at him Monday afternoon while he was riding along Market street on a bicycle, hitting him on the shoulder. It is his belief that his assailants were trying to rob him, as he had a sack in which there was several hundred dollars.

Louis Yates, white, was returned to the county roads to complete his sentence of two years. He was sent to the roads about five years ago for larceny by trick and later escaped. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs in a case against T. Huggins, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Mathew McDuffie, colored, was given three months on a larceny charge and Arthur Alcoat drew 30 days for an alleged larceny of two logs from a lumber mill on Smith's creek.

Bids Opened for Coffer Dams.

Bids have been opened in the office of Major H. W. Stickle, United States district engineer, for furnishing steel coffer dams at Brown's Landing. The bid of the Carnegie Steel Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., was $661, cars, Wilmington, or $641 wharf, Wilmington, and this being the lowest this concern was awarded the contract. The contract for furnishing a discharge pipe for the dredge Cape Fear was awarded to the Newbern Iron Works and Supply Company, of Newbern, their bid being $870.

CHRISTMAS TRADE GOOD

Wilmington Merchants Have No Reason to Complain Over Patronage of Last Two Days.

Indications now are that the Christmas shopping in Wilmington will be little, if any, behind that of other years. The streets were thronged with people all day yesterday and the day before and the merchants were kept busy. If the trade today and tomorrow continues to be as good, the merchants will have disposed of their large stocks almost entirely.

Many who had resolved to be economical in their purchase of Christmas gifts have changed their minds and are acting on the principle that we have but one life to live and that it isn't worth while unless we remember our friends. And a friend that cannot be remembered during the glad Christmas season isn't much of a friend. So the buying of Christmas presents this year, instead of diminishing, seems to be on the increase.

The lobby of the Wilmington postoffice was crowded from early morn until late in the afternoon yesterday with those who were sending away packages. It was astonishing to see how rapidly their needs were being attended to and how quickly the crowd changed. Down at the Southern Express office it was the same way. Hundreds of packages were shipped.

Express wagons piled high with packages have been on the go all the week delivering them. Whatever the cause, it must be said that an uncommon quantity of whiskey is being shipped into Wilmington and the indications are that there are going to be many Christmas egg-nogs this year.

Christmas with all its joy is only two days off and Wilmington will rejoice as it always has done. Christmas dinners will have all the good things that they have had in days gone by. The poor will be remembered as they have been all these years.

A spirit of earnestness is evident through it all, that shows that after all the war with all its horrors may provide some good.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Wrightsville Inlet Closed—Only About Foot of Water on Bar.

The following paragraphs from the current issue of Notice to Mariners published by the Bureau of Lighthouses and the Coast Geodetic Survey weekly for the purpose of notifying mariners and others interested in changes of lights, buoys, etc., along the coast will be of interest and valuable to local mariners. Probably the one of most interest to mariners in and about Wilmington refers to the Wrightsville Inlet being closed. The report states that only a foot of water is on the bar at low tide. The full text of the notices follow:

North Carolina seacoast—Wrightsville Inlet closed. Under date of December 3, 1914, information has been received by the Coast and Geodetic Survey that the bar at Wrightsville Inlet, about 24 miles northeastward of Cape Fear Lighthouse, has shoaled to such an extent that there is now only about one foot of water on it at low tide.

North Carolina seacoast—Cape Lookout Shoals light vessel, returned to station and relief light vessel withdrawn, December 15.

North Carolina seacoast—Wimble Shoal Whistling Buoy 6, reported in a sinking condition, December 12.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Secretary Hinnant Issues Neat Booklet of Suggestions.

"What shall I give my son for a Christmas gift?" is a question many a mother in Wilmington has asked recently. Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, Y. M. C. A. boys' director, always alert and on the job, has just issued a neat little booklet in which he suggests that nothing better could be given him than a membership in the Y. M. C. A.

This is a gift, he says, that will last through the year; a gift that will help the boy to develop into a well rounded man, physically, mentally, morally, and socially; a gift that will provide a clean social environment for unselfish service; a gift that will place him alongside all that is best for the boys of the city.

The terms are reasonable, only $1.50 until April or $3 until October for junior boys. The charges for high school boys are $2 and $5 respectively and the same charges are also made for employed boys.

GIVEN A COMMISSION

Mr. Edward Roberts an Officer in Canadian Artillery Battery.

Mr. Edward Roberts, formerly boys secretary of the Y. M. C. A. here, and who, as announced some time ago, resigned his position as secretary of the Sydney, Nova Scotia, Y. M. C. A., to enlist in an artillery battery being recruited from service in Europe, has been given a provisional commission, according to the following item in a morning paper published at Sydney, a copy of which has been received here by one of Mr. Roberts' friends:

"Edward Roberts, who resigned the secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A., has joined the artillery battery being recruited for the Canadian overseas forces. Mr. Roberts has been given a provisional commission."

Bitten by Vicious Dog.

Master R. P. McClammy, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. McClammy, was attacked by a vicious dog while riding a bicycle at Fifth and Ann streets yesterday morning. A wound was inflected on the leg about half inch deep. It was cauterized and no serious results are anticipated.

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LIST FOR THE GRAND JURY

Names of Those Who Have Not Listed Taxes to Be Handed to Body—Indictments Pending.

As is required by law, the County Commissioners have had completed a list of those who have failed to list their taxes for this year, to be handed in to the grand jury for the term of Superior Court beginning January 4. There are approximately 175 names on the list, and each of these citizens is liable to indictments for failure to list taxes, a misdemeanor under the law.

It will be remembered that a large number of people were indicted here last fall by the grand jury for failure to list taxes, and in addition to being required to list and pay their taxes, were also required to pay the court costs in the cases, amounting to $9.25 in each case.

Also, a number were indicted at the last term of criminal court this fall, and have been taxed the costs, in addition to being required to list and pay their taxes.

The list to be handed in to the next grand jury, carries additional names.

County authorities stated yesterday that while, no definite promise of leniency on the part of the grand jury could be made, that if those who have so far failed to list their taxes will do so now before the next term of court, this fact might save them from indictment and the payment of the extra $9.25 costs. This is by no means a promise, it was stated, for it was pointed out that the tax books close the authorities have no recourse other than to hand in the names of those who failed to list to the grand jury, and even if a person whose name is on the list will now list his taxes, his name will have to be given to the grand jury anyway. However, the authorities are inclined to believe that the grand jury would take such action as an indication that the person so doing had no wilful intention of trying to evade the listing or payment of taxes, and would be governed accordingly when considering his case.

RETURNS FROM CALIFORNIA.

Louis J. Poisson, Esq., Spending Holidays With Mother in City.

Louis J. Poisson, a well known young attorney, of Wilmington, now special assistant to the Attorney General in the Department of Justice, returned yesterday morning from California, where he has been for the past year looking after cases for the government, and will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Brooke G. Empie, No. 308 South Second street. He will return to San Francisco after Christmas.

Mr. Poisson has been wonderfully impressed with the vast resources of the Pacific coast country, but is firmly convinced that there is no place in the world quite so good as Wilmington. He is being given a royal welcome by his many friends in the city.

He has been associated with Hon. E. J. Justice, of Greensboro, in big government cases in California. Like all North Carolinians, who have gone outside the State to achieve fame, he has more than "made good." He hopes ere long, however, to return to his native heath, where the people are just a little kinder and the hand clasp is a little friendlier than anywhere else. He isn't a knocker, but thinks that the charms of the great Pacific slope have been sung too highly, or rather that the advantages of the Eastern section of North Carolina have not been praised as they should.

Present Gift to Mr. Koelling.

Rev. A. W. Koelling, teacher of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium fellowship Bible class, was presented by the members of the organization Monday night with a handsome gold mounted fountain pen as a token of their appreciation of the splendid service he has rendered during the year.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

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Misses Edna and Frances Robinson, of Ivanhoe, are guests at the Orton.

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Mrs. S. E. McCormick, of Richmond, Va., accompanied by her daughter, is visiting her son, Mr. J. G. McCormick, at the Orton.

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Miss Mamie Porter, of Rocky Mount, arrived in the city last night to spend several days with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Cromwell, No. 406 North Sixth street.

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Accompanied by his son, Mr. A. H. Topp, Mr. A. P. Yopp left yesterday afternoon for Augusta, Ga., to spend the Christmas holidays with his daughter, Mrs. Austin Best.

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Mrs. S. F. Highsmith is spending the holidays with relatives at Walace. She will be joined there by her husband tomorrow, who will also spend a few days there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Nesbitt returned yesterday morning from New York, Philadelphia and Washington, where they have been spending the past three weeks.

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Mr. W. C. VonGlahn, Jr., who is a student at the Johns Hopkins University, of Baltimore, has arrived in the city and will spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. C. VonGlahn, No. 514 North Third street.

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Miss Katherine Vollers, who is studying voice culture in New York, and Miss Myrtle Vollers, a student at Maryland College, Lutherville, Md., are here to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Vollers.

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MORE THAN A THOUSAND SEALS SOLD YESTERDAY.

There were 1,068 Red Cross Christmas seals sold at the Wilmington postoffice yesterday, this being the largest number that has been sold since the sale was inaugurated eight days ago. The sales today should be larger still. Christmas shoppers are showing an increased interest in the sale of the tiny stamps that show to the receiver of presents and letters that the slender has an interest in the suffering.

The chaperones today will be Mrs. Joseph H. Watters, Mrs. Wm. H. Milton and Mrs. W. C. Munds.

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WEDDING OF MUCH SOCIAL INTEREST THIS AFTERNOON.

An event of social interest here and to many friends elsewhere will be the marriage this afternoon at St. James' church of Mr. Walter Lyford Griffith, of Omaha, Neb., and Miss Mildred McRary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Smith, of this city.

Mr. Griffith and Mr. Robert Schenck, of San Francisco, who will be his best man, arrived in the city yesterday morning.

The wedding is one of the principal social events of the season in this city and will be attended by a large number of friends here, as well as a number of out-of-town friends.

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CHRISTMAS DANCE AT CAROLINA YACHT CLUB.

Handsomely engraved invitations have been issued reading as follows:

The Wilmington Alumni Chapter
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at its
Annual Christmas Ball
December thirty-first
nineteen hundred and fourteen
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Messrs. W. C. Lord, chairman; W. P. Emerson, Waddell Watters and W. M. Parsley compose the committee on arrangements. A special car will leave Front and Princess streets at 9 P. M.

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WEDDING SUNDAY AT ROCKY MOUNT OF INTEREST HERE.

Friends in the city have received the following handsomely engraved invitations:

"Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Batson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mayme, to Mr. George Frederick Malpass, Sunday evening, the 27th of December, 1914, at 2:30 o'clock, Olivet Baptist church, Rocky Mount, N. C."

Miss Batson is a sister of Mrs. J. C. Moore, of this city, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Batson, also of Wilmington. They will attend the wedding Sunday.

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McGEE-KORNEGAY WEDDING WAS A BRILLIANT EVENT

Mount Olive, N. C., Dec. 22.—One of the most brilliant social events witnessed here in several years was the marriage of Mr. Thomas Noble McGee to Miss Sarah Blanche Kornegay, solemnized Thursday afternoon in the Presbyterian church.

The quaint old edifice was beautifully decorated under the artistic direction of Mrs. S. A. Wooten. Within the inner chancel there hung a group of long mirrors reflicting the beauty of the scene, the graceful arches of green, the softly burning tapers, and the skillful arrangement of the long leaf pine, Southern smilax, ferns and white carnations. Within the center arch were swinging circles of green, holding each a burning candle, and above all there floated the wedding bells of purest white.

Just before the ceremony, Miss James Mary Kornegay sweetly sang "Still as the Night," Mrs. W. B. Murphy playing the accompaniment.

The arrival of the bridal party was heralded by the notes of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Katherine Knowles. First entered Misses Frances Robinson, of Ivanhoe, and Lucile Moore, of Kinston, gowned in seagreen crepe meteor, with tunic and cape of old gold lace, and wearing, as did all the bridesmaids, a large butterfly of gold lace, carrying arm bouquets of yellow carnations. Next entered two ushers, Messrs. Ralph English, of Mount Olive, and James Faison, of Faison, followed by Misses Susie Brown, of Wilmington, and Ethel Davis, of Mount Olive, gowned in pink crepe meteor with gold lace tunic and cape, wearing the golden butterfly, and carrying arm bouquets of yellow carnations. They were followed by Messrs. Henry Knowles, of Mount Olive, and E. C. Dunn, of Wilmington, wearing, as did all the gentlemen in the bridal party, full dress suits, with boutonier of white carnations. Then entered Misses Florence Moore, of Kinston, and Rachel Kornegay, first bridesmaid, gowned in sea green crepe meteor, with the trimming of gold lace, wearing a golden butterfly and carrying arm bouquets of yellow carnations. Next came Messrs. Robert Stevens, of Goldsboro, and A. P. Foy, of Mount Olive, followed by the dames of honor, Mesdames F. R. Mintz and Colin Shaw Smith, in lovely white gowns with fur trimmings, wearing the short veils and carrying white carnations. The groom then entered with his best man, Mr. Edwin Powell, of Goldsboro, followed by the maid of honor, Miss James Mary Kornegay, gowned in pink crepe meteor, wearing a large black picture hat with pink ostrich feathers, and carrying Shepherd's crook tied with an abundance of pink carnations and ferns. Then came the little three-year-old ringbearer, Master Fred R. Mintz, Jr., in white Oliver Twist suit, with long trousers and yellow sash, who joined the party at the altar and presented to the best man the ring.

Then came the little flower girls, in white with yellow sashes, and like the bridesmaids, they, too, looked as if the butterflies had liked the pretty scene and, just for good luck's sake, had lighted jauntily upon their white shoulders.

There was a momentary stillness, an expectant pause, a softer, more tender intonation of the music; and then the bride, upon the arm of her father, appeared. Of the handsome brunette type, she was on this occasion more beautiful than usual in her wedding gown of ivory white crepe velour, embroidered in pearls, with real lace trimmings. Her veil was arranged in cap style and reached to the end of her long court train. The bride's flowers were roses and lilies of the valley, the only ornament she wore being a necklace of pearls, the gift of the groom.

Rev. Peter McIntyre, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Goldsboro and former pastor of the bride here, in his usual tender, impressive manner, performed the rites that joined for always the lives of these two, the beautiful ring ceremony being used.

During the performance of the solemn ceremony, Miss Katherine Knowles sofely rendered Schubert's Serenade, playing Lohengrin's march as a recessional.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kornegay, a young woman of unusual intellect, and she will be missed in the home of her girlhood, where her sweet personality has endeared her to the hearts of all. Mr. McGee is a young man of many sterling qualities, who holds a responsible position in the tariff department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company at Wilmington. Both have a wide circle of friends all over the State, who are wishing them a full measure of happiness and prosperity. The many beautiful gifts received bore silent testimony to the love and esteem in which they were held by their many friends.

Amid a shower of rice and good wishes, they departed for the sunny "Land of Flowers," going to Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Tampa, Fla., and upon their return, take up their residence in Wilmington, Mr. McGee resuming his duties with the Coast Line.

On Wednesday evening, preceding the marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kornegay, parents of the bride, entertained at a most elaborate reception in honor of the bride and groom. The Kornegay home was beautiful in its decorations of exquisite cut flowers and greenery.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Col. W. B. Fort, of Pikeville, was a guest at the Orton yesterday.

—Mr. E. J. Hill, of Warsaw, was a guest at the Orton last night.

Mr. B. S. Koonce, of Chadbourn, was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. P. H. Gray leaves this morning for Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with relatives.

—Messrs. W. L. Griffith, of Omaha, Neb.; Robert E. Schenck, of San Francisco, Cal., and Oliver S. Lyford, of New York, are guests at the Orton.

—Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, director of the Boys' Department of the Y. M. C. A., will leave this morning for Richmond, Va., where he will spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

DAYS NOW LONGER

Monday Was Shortest of Year—Changes in Weather Marked.

The days are now growing longer, Monday having been the shortest of the year. Yesterday was only two minutes longer, it being nine hours and 54 minutes from the rising of the sun until it went down behind the western horizon. Nobody noticed the change it was so imperceptible, but the weather this week has been the most changeable of the season.

Monday afternoon it was like a spring day, following a cold dreary morning. At 8 p. m. the thermometer stood at 60 degrees. It became cloudy yesterday and looked like snow for a while and then began raining. Last night the mercury had gotten down to 41 degrees, a difference of 19 degrees from that of the same hour on the previous night.

CLEANING UP STREETS

Supt. McAllister's Men Busy in Residential Sections.

The city street forces are busy cleaning up the streets and plazas in the residential section, and under the leadership of Superintendent John C. McAllister are achieving quite a holiday clean-up for the town. A noticeable improvement is to be seen along the streets over which they have already worked, and they plan to carry out the job during the next few days.

It is suggested that the citizens cooperate to the extent of cleaning up their yards, removing the fallen leaves and other trash, and thus give old Wilmington a thoroughly clean appearance for Christmas.

WIDOWS GIVEN TURKEYS

Sergeant H. W. Howell Was Good Samaritan for Juniors.

Sergeant H. W. Howell, of the Washington police department, was the good Samaritan for George Washington Council, No. 67, Junior Order of United States American Mechanics, and gave to each widow of a deceased member of the council a fine turkey Monday. There were six of them and there will certainly be six happy homes Christmas day. Jeff Davis Council gave 11 turkeys for Christmas dinners.

The widows in need were also remembered with handsome donations in money for the Christmas dinner, Mr. Ed Register having charge of this feature.

RESIGNS AS HEAD NURSE

Miss Rosamond Minnis Returns to Home at Annapolis.

Miss Rosamond Minnis, who for the past two years has been head nurse at the James Walker Memorial hospital, left this week for her home at Annapolis, Md., where she will spend the holidays. Her many friends will regret to learn that she will not return to Wilmington, having resigned her position.

Miss Hattie Hicks, formerly assistant head nurse, is acting as head nurse and will continue in this capacity until January 1 when she will also return to her home in Maryland. A head nurse to succeed Miss Minnis has not yet been selected.

Public Library Closes Tomorrow.

The Wilmington Public Library will close tomorrow afternoon and will not be opened today until Saturday morning at the regular hour. All patrons are requested to bear this in mind and exchange their books before that time.

"The Master Key."

Bijou today. Dont' miss it.—Advertisement.

Go to C. H. Pore & Co. for useful Christmas presents.—Advertisement.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. C. T. Lewis, of Brunswick county, was arrested in this city yesterday on a charge of larceny by trick. The warrant was sworn out by Mr. C. D. Gilbert, a commission merchant. He gave a cash bond in the sum of $50 for his appearance before Justice Harriss at noon on December 30.

Armour's Housewives Bulletin

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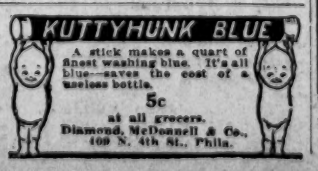
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Some Good Gift Suggestions

Are given below. Look through the list carefully. All useful things that men like. Check off the items you desire. Clip the list and bring it in. It's the most convenient way to do your Christmas Shopping. Choice is best now. Make your selections early. We'll hold them for you.

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CAP, Cloth or Fur	SCARF
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COLLAR BAG	SUIT CASE
CUFF BUTTONS	SWEATER COAT
FANCY VEST	SUSPENDERS
GARTERS	TRAVELING BAG
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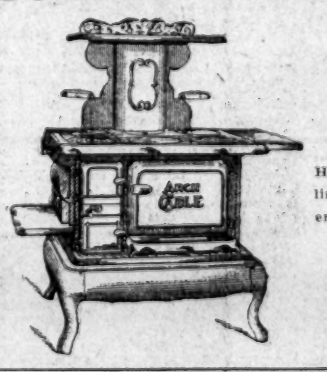

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

GOOD ADVANCE IN COTTON

Further Broadening of Market With Close Firm at a Net Gain of from 15 to 17 Points.

New York, Dec. 22.—There was a further broadening of trade and investment buying in the cotton market today and prices made new high ground for the movement with the close firm at a net gain of from 15 to 17 points.

The market opened steady at an advance of 2 to 5 points, with active months selling 4 to 9 points net higher shortly after the call. There was heavy realizing at this advance for over the holidays. Reactions of 4 or 5 points followed but houses with continental connections were active buyers while there was no indication of Southern hedge selling and the market soon rallied.

The scattering demand through wire and commission houses became more active than at any time since the reopening of the market and all months made new high ground for the day. In the late trading July sold at 8.09, or 58 points above the recent low level. Final fluctuations were somewhat irregular under realizing but there was a good demand up to the close and the last prices were at practically the best point. It is reported that German interests have been heavy buyers here during the past two weeks and also have been heavy buyers of spot cotton which is being stored at the ports and larger interior towns while awaiting better shipping facilities.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 7.65; sales 200 bales.

Futures closed firm.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	7:49	7:50	7:40	7:55
Mar	7:59	7:74	7:59	7:72
May	7:78	7:94	7:76	7:93
July	7:96	8:09	7:95	8:09
Oct	8:22	8:36	8:21	8:34

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling, 7 3-16; receipts, 15,176; sales, 3,335; stock, 307,409.

Galveston—Middling, 7⅝; receipts, 31,732; exports, 20,337; sales 1,300; stock, 431,266.

Mobile—Middling, 7 1-16; receipts, 1,929; sales, 100; stock, 49,265.

Savannah—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 19,493; exports, 24,167; sales, 5,634; stock, 259,827.

Charleston—Middling, 7⅛; receipts, 4,027; stock, 123,800.

Wilmington—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 1,710; stock, 38,416.

Texas City—Receipts, 13,012.

Norfolk—Middling, 7 3-16; receipts, 6,256; sales, 1,204; stock, 77,061.

Baltimore—Middling, 7⅝; stock, 5,933.

Boston—Middling, 7.50; receipts, 312; exports, 1,999; stock, 7,400.

Philadelphia—Middling, 7.90; stock, 5,844.

New York—Middling, 7.65; stock, 84,842.

Minor Ports—Stock, 68,166.

Total today—Receipts, 113,737; exports, 46,503; stock, 1,459,230.

Total for Week—Receipts, 241,882; exports, 151,742; stock, 4,145,006.

Total for season—Receipts, 4,145,006; exports, 2,192,129.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7 9-16; receipts, 24,017; shipments, 21,716; sales, 7,002; stock, 175,563.

Memphis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 6,796; shipments, 6,840; sales, 2,100; stock, 272,108.

Augusta—Middling, 7⅝; receipts, 4,567; shipments, 1,322; sales, 6,411; stock, 161,527.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 2,004; shipments, 2,216; stock, 32,632.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,872; shipments, 2,399; stock, 4,384.

Little Rock—Middling, 7; receipts, 1,723; shipments, 2,079; stock, 54,467.

Dallas—Middling, 7¼; sales, 6,970.

Total today—Receipts, 40,979; shipments, 36,572; stock, 700,681.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Spot cotton, fair business; prices firm. American middling fair, 533; good middling, 471; middling, 447; low middling, 400; good ordinary, 338; ordinary, 293.

Sales, 10,000 bales, including 9,200 American and 2,500 for speculation and export.

Receipts, 31,000 bales, including 30,100 American.

Futures closed very steady. May and June, 4.28; June and July, 4.31½; July and August, 4.35½; August and September, 4.38½; September and October, 4.42; October and November, 4.47; November and December, 4.49; December and January, 4.51; January and February, 4.52½; February and March, 4.55½.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Hogs—Stronger. Bulk, 7.05@7.20; light, 6.80@7.20; heavy, 6.85@7.25; pigs, 5.50@7.10.

Cattle — Strong. Native steers, 5.30@10.00; Western, 5.00@7.90.

Sheep — Firm. Sheep, 5.40@6.25; yearlings, 6.50@7.40; lambs, 6.25@8.50.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—After starting higher, cotton seed oil eased off under pre-holiday liquidation, but the list firmed up again near the close, in sympathy with the strength in lard and cotton, and light crude offerings. Fnal prices were 1 to 6 points net higher. Sales, 4,900 barrels. The market closed firm. Spot, 5.70@5.95; December, 5.70@5.90; January, 5.87@5.85; February, 5.97@5.99; March, 6.08@6.10; April, 6.19@6.21; May, 6.36@6.37; June, 6.47@6.49; July, 6.57@6.58.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton goods markets were steady today, with a moderate business passing. The demand for wool products for war purposes was active. The silk market was steadier, and broadened. Export cotton goods markets showed a slight gain.

ATTENTION

Trustee's Sale of the G. H. Haar stock of fancy articles, dry goods, notions, etc. now on at 111 Chesnut street. All suitable for Christmas presents. Prices guaranteed below cost.—Advertisement. tf.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Savings Club cheerfully given by an officer of this bank. American National Bank.—Advertisement. tf

WHEAT RALLIES AFTER BREAK

Immense Export Sales Add Strength to Market and Come Back Was Heavy—Highest of Year.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Immense import sales made after a break in prices rallied the wheat market today, sending December and cash deliveries higher than at any previous time this year. Closing quotations were strong, at 1⅝ to 2¼ net advance.

Other leading staples, too, all wound up with gains; corn, ⅝ to ¾; oats, ¼@⅝ to ⅝, and provisions, 5 to 15 cents.

Grain and provisions closing:

Wheat — December, 1.26⅝; May, 1.28⅝.

Corn—December, 64⅝; May, 71½.

Oats—December, 48¾; May, 52⅝.

Pork—January, 18.62; May, 19.12.

Lard—January, 10.40; May, 10.57.

Ribs—January, 10.20; May, 10.57.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.23¾@1.26¼; No. 2, hard, 1.24@1.27.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, 65½@65¾.

Oats—Standard, 49@49½.

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Schr. Alice May Davenport, 910 tons, Wiley, C. D. Maffitt & Co. (In distress).

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Nominal.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR — Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.35 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41½; rosin, firm, $3.45; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Spirits Turpentine 9

Rosin 79

Tar 350

Crude Turpentine . . . . . .(—)

Receipts same day last year crude turpentine, 10 casks; rosin, 14 barrels; tar, 13 barrels; crude turpentine 15 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 7¼c.; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,394 bales; same day last year 2,466 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 81,655 bales.

Total receipts to same day last year, 302,801 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, December 22.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,394 bales cotton; 120 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—8 barrels tar.

Str. Thelma—9 casks spirits turpentine; 59 barrels rosin; 46 barrels tar.

Str. Whitlock—17 barrels rosin; 56 barrels tar.

Total—1,394 bales cotton; 9 casks spirits turpentine; 76 barrels rosin; 230 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 19)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

EGGS—28@29c. per doz.

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Tuesday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 60c; white, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $23.00 ton.

Middlings—$32.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12¾.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7¾ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Head, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5⅛c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina Peanuts—Market, stronger; new crop, fancy, hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 70c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — Weaker. New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy, hand picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine picked, 50c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—Steady. New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 85c. per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¼c. to 2¾c. per lb.

SUPPLY EXCEEDS DEMAND

Heavy Course Followed by Yesterday's Session of Stock Exchange Demonstrates That Fact.

New York, Dec. 22.—That the supply of securities continues in excess of the demand was again demonstrated by the heavy course of today's dull movement on the Stock Exchange. Many of the better known and seasoned issues of less importance, including priced coppers, were quoted at bottom figures. United States Steel assumed its old position as leader, falling during the early dealings to 48 3-4; from which it rose fractionally, only to decline again in the final hour. Support of this stock was rather indifferent and the closing was weak.

In early trading Reading and Lehigh Valley were conspicuous for their relative strength, each gaining a point on the decision of the Federal court which declared that Lehigh Valley had not evaded the anti-trust laws in its relations with some of its subsidiaries.

Bethlehem Steel preferred was another instance of strength partially as a result of a rumor to the effect that the company had secured more large orders from abroad. Among the specialties, Central Leather rose on the increase of its dividend from 2 to 3 per cent. Announcement that the Virginia-Carolina preferred dividend had been deferred because of the state of the cotton industry occasioned no surprise and failed to bring out any of the stock.

Latest war news was productive of a more cheerful feeling in London, where reports of a re-opening of the exchange early in the coming year were revised.

Bonds were irregular with free selling of the active group. Total sales, par value, were $1,575,000. United States government coupon 3s advanced 3-4 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	52⅝
American Agricultural	offered. 48½
American Can	24⅞
American Car and Foundry	B. 43
American Cities, pfd	59½
American Cotton Oil	40
American Smelting	57½
American Snuff	offered. 155
American Sugar	106
American Tel. and Tel	117½
American Tobacco	B.215½
Atchison	92⅜
Atlantic Coast Line	offered. 107
Baltimore and Ohio	69½
Canadian Pacific	155⅝
Central Leather	37
Chesapeake and Ohio	42½
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	37⅝
Erie	22½
General Electric	139¾
Great Northern, pfd	113¼
Illinois Central	110
Interborough-Met., pfd	50
Kansas City Southern	21
Lehigh Valley	134
Louisville and Nashville	offered. 120
Liggett and Myers	offered. 210
Lorillard Co	offered. 110
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	9⅝
Missouri Pacific	10½
Mexican Petroleum	B. 52
New York Central	83¼
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	57
Norfolk and Western	100
Northern Pacific	99½
Pennsylvania	106⅜
Reading	144⅛
Rep. Iron and Steel	19
Rep. Iron and Steel, pfd	75
Rock Island Co	1
Rock Island Co., pfd	15⅝
St. L. and San Fran., 2nd pfd	B. 3
Seaboard Air Line	B. 13
Seaboard Air Line	offered. 43
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	B. 22
Southern Pacific	82¼
Southern Railway	15
Southern Railway, pfd	offered. 61
Tennessee Copper	31½
Texas Co	128
Texas and Pacific	13
Union Pacific	116¾
United States Steel	48⅞
United States Steel, pfd	104⅝
Utah Copper	47⅝
Virginia-Caro. Chem.	offered. 20
Western Union	56¾

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 22.—Turpentine, firm, 42½; sales, none; receipts, 437; shipments, 75; stocks, 34,543.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 669; receipts, 1,400; shipments, 395; stocks, 142,912. Quote: A, B, C, and D, 3.15; E, 3.17½; F, 3.20; G, 3.22½; H, 3.25; I, 3.50; K, 4.00; M, 4.50; N, 5.50; W G, 5.75; W W, 5.80.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 22.—Raw sugar, firm; centrifugal, 4.01; molasses sugar, 3.36; refined, quiet.

Butter—Firmer.

Cheese—Steady, unchanged.

Coffee—Spot, quiet. Rio, No. 7, 7⅝; Santos, No. 4, 10c.

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 22. — Cotton — Middling — Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6¾; Charlotte, 7; Norfolk, 7 3-16.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 22.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2; sterling exchange steady, 60 day bills 4.8275; cables 4.8635; demand 4.8575. Bar silver 48 1-8. Mexican dollars 37. Government bonds strong. Railroad bonds irregular.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 23, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 45 degrees; at 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .06; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.37 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 11.1 feet and rising slowly.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 23, 1914.

Sun rises . . . . . 7:15 A. M.
Sun sets . . . . . 5:08 P. M.
Day's length . . . . . 9 hrs. 54 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	2:20	2:52	9:40	10:08
Southport	12:31	12:45	6:46	7:18
Masonboro Inl	12:20	12:34	6:26	6:58

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 22, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	38	30	.04
Asheville	pt cldy	34	30	.0
Atlanta	cldy	26	30	.06
Augusta	cldy	46	36	.02
Birmingh	rain	34	30	.08
Boston	clear	32	28	.0
Charleston	cldy	58	44	.0
Charlotte	cldy	40	30	.0
Chicago	clear	16	8	.0
Galveston	rain	48	48	.12
Jacksonv	clear	70	54	.0
Memphis	cldy	30	28	.42
Mobile	cldy	54	40	.0
Montgom'y	cldy	48	36	.0
New Orl	cldy	54	44	.0
New York	clear	32	26	.0
Oklahoma	pt cldy	32	24	.20
Palestine	rain	42	40	.14
Pittsburg	clear	24	16	.0
Raleigh	cldy	46	34	.0
Savannah	clear	62	46	.0
Shreveport	rain	42	40	.08
St. Louis	pt cldy	28	18	.0
Washing'n	clear	38	30	.0

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Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
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In Effect October 12, 1914.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	WESTBOUND: Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	WESTBOUND: Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:30 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:26 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:6. A. M.	a7:60 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a8:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
.....	.....	.....	b10:31A.M.	b10:20 A. M.	.....
10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
c1:55 P. M.	c1:55 P. M.	.....	c2:36 P. M.	c2:25 P. M.	.....
cd2:35 P. M.	.....	.....	cd3:06P.M.	.....	.....
3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	3:00 P. M.	c3:50 P. M.	.....	.....
3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
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6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Nov. 23, 1914.
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DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 5:20 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman sleeping cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. * ¶ 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. ¶ 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman service.	No. 49. * 6:05 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 8:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 55. * 3:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 59. ¶ 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. 110:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

* Daily. ! Daily except Sunday. ¶ Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.

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TRANSMITTED TO BRYAN

New Rules Laid Down for Coaling of Belligerent Merchant and War Vessels—Just Enough to Get to Next Coaling Station.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Eduardo Suarez Bujica, the Chilean ambassador, today transmitted to Secretary Bryan a copy of the "supreme decree" issued by Chile restricting the amount of coal belligerent warships and merchant vessels can obtain in Chilean ports.

The decree becomes effective January 1st. It is an amendment to The Hague convention, and represents the suggestion of Chile to Pan-American nations generally for excluding belligerent warships from this hemisphere.

Great Britain already has formally advised Chile that she will abide by the decree, the text of which was announced by the State Department today as follows:

Text of Decree.

"First. That hereafter all coal supplies which may be furnished to belligerent warships at Chilean ports shall be reduced to the quantity necessary to enable them to reach the nearest coaling port of the neighboring nation.

"Second. That in the event of the violation by a merchant ship of neutrality rules adopted by the government of the republic, no fuel shall be supplied in Chilean ports to any vessel of the company to which the ship so offending may belong.

"Third. That vessels interned by order of the government by reason of neutrality violations and also those whose owners state their intention to maintain them in Chilean ports until the end of the war shall be concentrated in such Chilean ports as in each case the administrative authorities may determine.

"Fourth. That the quantity of coal may be supplied to merchant vessels be limited to the capacity of their ordinary bunkers, unless they desire to sail direct to European ports in which case they may be supplied with coal enough for voyage, provided always that the company to which they belong furnish a sufficient guarantee that the fuel shall be used exclusively in effecting such voyage.

"The foregoing dispositions shall apply throughout the territory of the republic reckoning from the first day of January next."

HEAVY ACTION IS REPORTED IN EUROPE

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many, and we took several houses at Blangy.

"An attack of the enemy of Mametz and the nearby trenches made it impossible for ou rtroops to make material progress in this direction. In that region of Lihons three attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

"We made slight gains to the east and to the west of Tracy-Le-Val, and our artillery delivered an efficacious fire on the plateau of Nouvron.

"In the directions of the Aisne, and of Rheims there were artillery engagements.

"In Champagne and in the Argonne, in the vicinity of Souain, there have been violent bayonet engagement. We have not made perceptible progress in this region. To the northeast of Beausejour, we have consolidated the positions occupied by us December 20 and we have occupied all the trenches in the immediate vicinity of Mt. Calvaire.

"In the forest of LaGrurie our progress continues. At St. Hubert we repulsed an attack in the forest of Bolants. Here certain ground had been lost, but we recaptured two-thirds of it.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has been slight progress.

"On the right bank of the Meuse in the forest of Consenvoye, we first lost and then reconquered after a lively fight the territory gained by us December 20.

"From the heights of the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

BERLIN PRESS REPORT.

Official News Given Out Briefly Outlines German Side of Situation.

Berlin, Dec. 22 (By Wireless)—The official press bureau today gave out the following:

"The order of General Joffre for an offensive movement has confirmed the belief here for some days that the Allies were about to attempt an advance. Thus far, however, their attempts everywhere have failed and the situation beems little changed.

"An army headquarters report concerning operations in the East makes mention of the continuation of an attack, but whether it is against the Russian main army, cannot be stated.

"The situation in West Galicia is clearer. The Russians there are holding the east bank of the Dunajec river to Tuchow and another line extends southeastward past Krosno. Heavy fighting is proceeding on both these lines and also in the Lupkow pass.

"A dispatch from Budapest says the Austrians are preparing for the blow against the Servians but gives no intimation of what form it will take.

"The newspapers here today publish an unofficial statement from headquarters in answer to the official French war bulletin of December 18th. The French report asserted that several trenches had been taken at Auchy, La-Basse, Saint Laurent and Blangy. The statement from headquarters says all places lie in the rear of the German positions.

"A French report says the French position near Albert had reached the entanglements of the second line of German trenches. The headquarters' statement admits that 80 Frenchmen came this far but they were all captured. The French claim that the German attacks near Saint Hubert all failed, is answered with the statement that the Germans took 800 prisoners in these attacks, exterminating utterly the ninth battalion of French chasseurs.

"The German navy aviator, Lieut. Stephen Von Prondzynski, flew over Dover, threw bombs and reconnoitered the position of the British fleet.

"Russian court martials in Poland have hanged numerous Jews.

"At Sunderland the populace destroyed German shops. The police made no arrests.

"Lisbon reports that 25 members of the Portuguese unionist party have given up their seats as a protest against the war."

Washington, Dec. 21.—The Supreme court today took a recess until January 4th.

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MEXICAN MATTERS LITTLE ALTERED

Visit of Carranza Checked in Novel Manner by Zapata.

BAD STORMS ON BORDER

Conference Between General Scott and Leaders of Factions Delayed Because of Heavy Rains and Swollen Streams.

Washington, Dec. 22.—General Carranza's trip from Vera Cruz to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec has been interrupted by Zapata forces who captured Soledad and from there sent a wild locomotive into his approaching train. Neither Carranza nor any of his party was injured.

These facts were reported tonight in a private dispatch from a point on the railroad on which Carranza was traveling.

Carranza returned to Vera Cruz after the incident at Soledad and now has gone to Cordoba to inspect his troops. His officers say he later will continue his journey to the Isthmus.

Heavy rains, making travel difficult, today resulted in postponement of a conference between Maytorena, Villa commander at Naco, Sonora, and General Scott, chief of staff of the army, sent to Naco, Ariz., to endeavor to persuade the warring Mexican factions to discontinue military operations which endanger life and property on the American side of the border. General Scott telegraphed Secretary Garrison as follows:

Dollars a Year That Way.

"Heavy three days' storm; whole country under water; travel most difficult. Maytorena unable to get to the conference arranged with Carranza agents last night. Full conference with Hill has been arranged for tomorrow and Maytorena has telegraphed for another appointment."

The State Department issued this statement today:

"A dispatch, just received from San Luis Potosi, states that the governor of San Luis Potosi has announced that an agreement has been reached with the military authorities of Saltillo and Monterey by which those capitals will remain neutral and suspend all movements of troops, also all passenger trains from the City of Mexico to Laredo. It is reported that this action would go to indicate that there is not much disposition to carry hostilities into the territory in question and that there is not much bitter feeling."

URGES NEUTRAL LINE

General Scott Will Make That Recommendation to Factions Today.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 22.—An agreement to create a neutral strip along the Mexican side of the border to save Naco, Ariz., from further damage from Mexican shot and shell will be sought tomorrow by Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott of Staff of the United States army. General Scott has been here several days receiving suggestions from both Sonora factions as to the best way to stop the firing across the border. General Hill declared today he would not evacuate Naco.

Rains have created a river 100 feet wide and five feet deep between the United States army camp and Naco, and have hindered conferences with the Mexican leaders.

PROHIBITION BEATEN IN THE LOWER HOUSE

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speech of Representative Heflin, who declared that Hobson had been defeated by Representative Underwood on a prohibition issue in the recent Senate primary campaign in Alabama. He declared Underwood "did not fight alone," and asserted that the liquor interests opened four headquarters in the state and fought to defeat Hobson.

"The forces of Wall Street and the administration forces all endeavored to beat Hobson," he said.

Representative Murray, of Oklahoma, supported the amendment.

Representative Hobson took the floor to make the concluding speech in support of the amendment. He argued particularly against the Morrison amendment, asserting that Congress already had all of the authority which that measure sought to confer.

In conclusion Representative Hobson declared that although the resolution might not secure the necessary two-thirds vote in this Congress, prohibition would be made a national issue in the 1916 campaign and "we will have an administration that will not oppose this amendment either in the open or under cover."

When the resolution was read for amendment, Republican Leader Mann presented an amendment to submit the prohibition amendment to conventions to be called for that purpose.

Representative Hobson opposed the Mann amendment, declaring it would "place obstacles in the way of the adoption of the prohibition amendment."

Mann Resolution Defeated.

The Mann amendment was voted down on a rising vote, 137 to 193. This was the first vote of the night. A demand for a yea and nay vote, made by Mr. Mann was seconded and the long roll call was started.

After the defeat of the Mann amendment, Representative Hobson offered several perfecting amendments. The first altered the phraseology of the first section of the proposed amendment, and included a prohibition against any "exportation" of intoxicating liquors. It was adopted without a division.

Another amendment presented by Representative Mann would have been an absolute prohibition of the "manufacture, transportation, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors," for any purpose.

"If we are to have prohibition," he said, "let us have prohibition that will prohibit."

The amendment was defeated on a rising vote 77 to 209 after a sharp interchange between Representatives Mann and Hobson.

An effort to secure a record vote on the second Mann amendment was defeated.

Representative Morrison then offered his substitutes for the first section of the Hobson amendment. It prohibited interstate commerce in intoxicating liquors. A point of order against this amendment, made by Representative Harrison, of Mississippi, was overruled. On a rising vote it was defeated 41 to 212. An effort to obtain a record vote failed.

EQUAL FOOTING WITH OTHERS

In Foreign Capitals is Desire of President Wilson—Message.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Wilson urged an appropriation of $100,000 for purchase and improvement of the United States legation at Havana, in a message to Songress today.

"I think that the whole country now sees how desirable it is that we should be on the same footing of advantage in foreign capitals that other governments are," wrote the President.

MISSISSIPPI NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY ANGRY MOB

Bit Off the Chin of Plantation Manager in Fight—Taken From Jail.

Ruleville, Miss, Dec. 22.—Because he bit off the chin of Thomas King aged 40, manager of the Bolynton plantation near here, Charles Williams, a negro, was lynched by a mob several hours later, according to news brought here today. The attack occurred yesterday, it is said, after King had been involved in a difficulty with a negro named Jones.

New York, Dec. Dec, 22.—The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has deferred action on the preferred stock dividend, ordinarily paid on January 15, according to an announcement made here today by S. T. Morgan, president. Dividends heretofore have been paid at the rate of two per cent. quarterly.

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Trustee's Sale of the G. H. Haar stock of fancy articles, dry goods, notions, etc. now on at 111 Chesnut street. All suitable for Christmas presents. Prices guaranteed below cost. —Advertisement. tf.

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It is quite refreshing these days to read of a clearly defined treatment for Influenza or La Grippe. In an article in the "Lancet-Clinic," Dr. James Bell of New York City, says he is convinced that too much medication is both unnecessary and injurious.

When called to a case of la grippe, the patient is usually seen when the fever is present, as the chill which occasionally ushers in the disease, has generally passed away. Dr. Bell then orders that the bowels be opened freely with salts, "Actoids" or citrate of magnesia. For the high fever, severe headache, pain and general soreness, one Anti-Kamnia Tablet every three hours is quickly followed by complete relief. Ask for A-K Tablets. They are also unexcelled for headaches, neuralgia and all pains.

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DRUG STORE FOR SALE—WILL SELL out or a part interest in city about three thousand people. Summer resort. Will be more than a million dollars expended in and around town on improvements. Selling on account of health. The Cash Drug Store, Beaufort, N. C. de23-4t*

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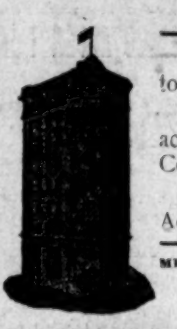

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